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Seek Chaperones

Two representatives from each service and fraternal organization in Redwood City are scheduled to meet with the Park and Recreation Commission tonight in an effort to gain a supply of volunteer chaperones for The Spot, an adolescent center.

Commissioners were meanwhile making plans to install basketball and badminton courts behind the center at Broadway and Jefferson Ave.

Carl (Ike) Britschgi, city councilman and member of an adult five-man committee in charge of the center, said paid supervision for the teen-agers had been obtained but that additional volunteer chaperones were still needed.

Robert Genochio and Benjamin McGuire have agreed to handle supervision at the center, Britschgi continued. They will be paid from a $970 fund donated by the Community Chest.

Genochio is an employe in the city recreation department while McGuire is the Burlingame recreation director. Both will handle the additional duties on a part time basis.

At tonight's meeting at 8 p.m. in the city hall the commission will attempt to organize a 20-person committee from which three volunteer chaperones will be picked to attend each day or evening opening of the center, Britschgi said.

Britschgi said that the five-man adult committee which until now has operated the plant is ready to turn its duties over to Alfred (Red) Morton, city recreation director.

Plans before the commission now call for the installation of the basketball courts and the badminton courts directly behind the old Carnegie Library building which is now serving as the center's structure.

Both, Britschgi pointed out, will be night lighted and there are indications that one service club in the city will provide the lights.

In this way, the councilman continued, activities will be provided for those adolescents who at present can't find enough to do inside the building.

Since its opening the structure has been jammed with dancers, table tennis and game players. Its facilities, Britschgi claimed, are overworked and the commission hopes to provide more facilities through the utilization of the outside area.

Evening sessions at The Spot have been attended by an average of 500 persons, Britschgi said. The Wednesday afternoon meetings staged for seventh and eighth grade pupils, has been so crowded that the commission has decided to stagger the schedule so that seventh graders will use the building one week and eighth graders the next, Britschgi said.

Explains Activities

Although the war is over, the Red Cross is "following through" to rehabilitate persons suffering from the war, Mrs. W. A. Turnbull, production chairman of the Redwood City Chapter, American Red Cross, pointed out Monday.

The production division of the Red Cross knitted and made surgical dressings for service men during the war, and it now provides for children in need.

All work in this division is done by volunteers. Additional volunteers are now being recruited, Mrs. Turnbull said. Anyone wishing to help in this work may contact the Red Cross headquarters here.

Some persons do the knitting in their own homes, while others meet in churches, clubs, etc., for sewing one day a week. Materials used are sent from the national Red Cross.

Factories cannot turn out clothes fast enough to meet the needs of stricken areas, Mrs. Turnbull declared. She also pointed out that money goes farther when labor is volunteered.

Good use is made of garments, Mrs. Turnbull assured. A committee of responsible persons, such as priests, mayors, etc., survey the situation in needy areas and decides who needs the goods the most.

Mrs. Turnbull pointed out that this was just one of the many services rendered by the Red Cross.

A drive for funds for the Red Cross will get underway Saturday, with Henry C. Maier as chairman of the local campaign. Volunteer solicitors have been chosen from more than 20 local organizations.

Quota for the Redwood City chapter is $30,897, of which $25,697 will be used to carry out the local Red Cross program.

Truck Firt

A three-ton truck was partially damaged by fire Friday morning at Vic and Smitty's service station, El Camino and Howard Ave., San Carlos.

The truck, belonging to Morrison's tree service of Redwood City, was being repaired at the station when fire broke out in the motor, igniting gasoline, witnesses said.

The flames were put out in a few minutes by gas station attendants and bystanders before the arrival of San Carlos fire trucks. No injuries resulted from the blaze.

Redwood Named

Fred Allen, a radio comedian with much standing on the Hooper rating, mentioned Redwood City on his program Sunday afternoon.

Discussing vaudeville days with Bert Lahr, he asked if the other comedian remembered when they played Redwood City — the theater, he said, was in a hollowed out tree and tickets were sold through knotholes.

He didn't specify whether customers threw pinecones or tomatoes.

Vets Entertains

Volunteer organizations from Palo Alto and nearby communities helped celebrate Washington's birthday at the Veterans' Administration Hospital with patient entertainment ranging from a one-act play to social dances.

Sunday afternoon the Palo Alto Community Center drama department presented, "Hay Fever," a one-act play for the open and closed wards in the hospital auditorium. At the same time Mrs. Helen Biglow, soprano, accompanied by Miss Dorothy Storm, pianist, entertained at The Haven, singing popular selections through the courtesy of the Redwood City musical workshop. Miss Barbara Lee Champion, soprano, accompanied by Miss Mary Bermele, entertained patients from wards 8-A, 12 and 17.

Other musical programs were performed in Wards 3, 8-C and 9 by Miss Margie Coykendall, pianist; Miss Dorothy Bourquin, violinist, and Miss Grace Childs on the cello. All are members of the Redwood City musical workshop.

Mrs. Everett Breed, violinist, accompanied by Mrs. Charles Mosher on the piano, entertained in The Haven Wednesday afternoon through the courtesy of the Palo Alto Musical Workshop.

Tuesday the American Legion Auxiliary, Millbrae, entertained the patients from Ward 17 with a bingo party in the south day room. On the same day the American Legion Auxiliary, San Carlos, held a dance for the women patients and parolees. The B'nai B'rith Peninsula chapter, played games and served refreshments for the patients in the receiving ward as the Menlo-Atherton branch of Red Cross served refreshments at the post dance in the evening.

The East Palo Alto Women's Club partied the habit training class and the members of Ward 12 Wednesday afternoon in the former's class room.

During the latter part of this week the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, San Jose, will entertain Ward 3 as the American Legion Auxiliary serves treats to Wards 7 and 17.

San Jose State College group will fete the patients in Ward 1 to a party prior to the athletic award night held in the post auditorium in the evening.

Thanks Friends

Members of the Coast Guard League, Peninsula Chapter 1, and their relatives and friends were thanked by Comdr. J. Howard Walzer of San Mateo, serving for his second year in this post, for the "fine turnout" to the card party put on recently at the San Carlos City Hall.

A festive air was presented, with the hosts receiving the guests in uniform. About 20 tables of whist with a number of bridge tables were arranged around the room. During the evening many prizes were given away and home made cakes and coffee were served.

Proceeds from the affair are to go toward providing comforts for an isolated coast guard station adopted by the Peninsula Chapter.

Walzer introduced to the members and guests Capt. S. B. Johnson of Moss Beach, retired United States Coast Guard officer, now district commander of the league.

Coast Guard League members of the Peninsula Chapter, most of whom were present for the party, include A. J. Schaefer, Al Sagehorn, G. J. Sheridan, C. R. Thuor, Gale O'Laughlin, R. B. Fodrea and Charles W. Rodgers of San Carlos. Leon Strauss, James A. Fairclough and Jacob Kirstenfell of Redwood City, John F. Carroll of Woodside, Alfred Moore, San Bruno, Marvin L. Hinrichs and George O. Boden, San Mateo.

The next regular meeting of the chapter will be held Mar. 5 at the city hall.

Hold Luncreon

Mrs. Clifford Ward of Woodside entertained at luncheon and six tables of bridge Friday at the "Pioneer Club" in the village. Cocktails were served around a blazing fireplace in the lodge after which the guests were seated at a U-shaped table overlooking the green, tree-studded Woodside hills. Place cards and tallies were in red, white and blue for Washington's birthday and smilax decorated the tables.

Mrs. Ward was assisted in arrangements by her daughter, Mrs. C. Peter Helm, the former Jacqueline Ward.

Guests were the Mmes. Park Q. Wray, Nelson Welbanks, Graham Adams, Harold Donnelly, H. C. Railing, James Healy, Margaret Quick, Bard S. Berry, Helen Fromm Seely of Redwood City; George Frey, William Thomas and L. T. Schmitt of San Francisco; H. C. Clattenberg of Redwood City, Violet Ray Kistler of San Francisco, Dewey Brown of Redwood City, Al Gorman of Niles and Cutler Brown, Waldo Stone, Canice Lalor, John T. Lawrence, A. Liguori and Howard P. Anderson of Redwood City.

Ross Estate

An estate of $79,330 was left by Mrs. Blanch Ross, 434 Hopkins Ave., according to an inventory and appraisment filed with County Clerk William H. Augustus by James A. Lee, inheritance tax appraiser.

Mrs. Ross, who was the widow of Dr. J. L. Ross, former president of the First National Bank of San Mateo County, Redwood City, died Jan. 4.

The estate consists of $38,115 in cash, 50 shares of stock in the bank, personal property and real estate. There are two children, Joseph Ross of Redwood City and Mrs. Blanch Grenfell, Portland, Ore.

Stanford Clubs

Cupid was outranked when Stanford men by the score rang the bell at the F. E. Hoffmann home in San Mateo, parked their wives, and then hied themselves to the garden house in the rear for a Valentine stag party.

Stanford women, however, found time all too short while enjoying a party of their own.

"We entered her classes in awe and admiration, but left with affection." With these words Mrs. Leslie Peters introduced Miss Edith Mirrielees, noted professor of short story writing and present editor of the Pacific Spectator. With a long list of honors and accomplishments to her credit, Miss Mirrielees modestly told her audience that the way to enjoy life fully is to teach in a university, and then related several of her humorous experiences in editing the first issue of the Pacific Spectator. "Many of the manuscripts reminded me of a package the English department once received, mysteriously marked for the 'essay department,' which contained several slabs of cement," she related.

Miss Mirrielees' talk climaxed a program of entertainment presided over by Mrs. R. E. Rintala, who was assisted in preparations by Mrs. Pat Long and Mrs. Garrett Elmore. Refreshments were provided by a committee headed by Mrs. F. Robert Lasley, which included Mrs. C. J. Boodell, Mrs. Murray Draper, Mrs. Gregory Davis, and Mrs. Fred Moore. Valentine hearts and spring blossoms decorated the home, and Mrs. J. R. Noel and Mrs. Walter Jack poured.

According to Walter Jack, the reminiscences of Prof. Lee Emerson Bassett and former Registrar J. Pearce Mitchell highlighted a gay evening of fun and fellowship. "Thanks are due to Bob McRoskey and his committee of Don Fritts, Bob Adams, and Frank Rochex. The large turnout for this party is an incentive for more good times this Spring.

"I also want to express the appreciation of our entire membership to Mr. and Mrs. Hoffmann for their hospitality and the use of their charming home and guest house," Mr. Jack added.

Meters Pay Off

Redwood City can anticipate revenues of $5 per month from each of its 740 parking meters, City Mgr. E. W. Blom predicted Monday. The city manager made the prediction after reviewing the revenue figures on the meters since they were installed last month.

This revenue, he continued, would amount to $44,400 per year which the city council plans to use exclusively for traffic control, traffic improvements and off street parking.

The council, Blom explained, anticipates spending 50 per cent of the meter revenues it takes in for the installation for off-street parking lots, 25 per cent for the enforcement of traffic ordinances, and the last 25 per cent for the installation of traffic control improvements.

As part of the enforcement program, the funds from the meters would defray part of the cost of maintaining policemen on city streets.

With the 25 per cent it intends to spend on control improvements, the city manager said the council could purchase signs, signals and pay for the painting of curbs.

It will be two years, however, before the city will have more than approximately $10,000 a year for off street parking projects, Blom said.

From first revenues must come the cost of installing the meters which was $4 per meter.

After that cost is taken from gross receipts the city has entered into a contract with the company furnishing the meters to divide the take 50-50 until the meters are paid for. Blom estimated it would take two years for this to be accomplished.

On the basis of these figures, the city manager said the city would have roughly $10,000 a year for the next two years to spend on off street parking projects. After that it will have roughly $20,000 a year for such jobs.

Blom characterized the revenues so far from Redwood City as "low" compared with other cities.

60th Jubilee

The diamond jubilee anniversary of the George S. Evans Woman's Relief Corps was celebrated at the Odd Fellows Hall recently, when members gathered to one of the oldest organizations in this city.

Mrs. Mary Winter, oldest living member, gave a brief talk on the corps, stating that there are now no living charter members. The WRC was formed in Redwood City in 1887.

Little printed booklets containing the history of the order was given each member. Mrs. Marie Tamulenas, president, presided at the meeting and announced plans to formulate a sewing club.

Following the regular business meeting, surprise announcement of the engagement of a member, Miss Virginia White, to Lt. H. N. Dye, USN, was made, when Valentines were passed to all members. Refreshments were served at tables set with two miniature battleships, lilies and smilax and centered with a large heart-shaped cake.

Dr. Named

Dr. Wesley H. Taylor, 888 Blandford St., Redwood City, has been reappointed to the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners, Gov. Earl Warren announced Monday. Taylor, who has been practicing here for many years, was first appointed to the board in July, 1944.

Also reappointed to the board by Governor Warren was Dr. Eugene C. Darnell of Berkeley. The new terms will run until Dec. 21, 1949.

Forum Letter

To the Editor:

I have been very interested in the accounts in your paper of the teen-age social center, or "The Spot," having brought up two girls myself in an era much less difficult for young people than this, though never easy.

I get the idea from the efforts at getting parent supervision that most parents think—if they take the trouble to think at all about their children's pleasure—that it's up to the general public to see that all goes well at these functions. I wonder whether the parents really think the responsibility is the public's, so that professional supervisors must be paid to see that all goes well, and how the organized adult groups have to "urge" and campaign for volunteers — did I read "paid volunteers?"

Why should not two or three couples, parents of these young folks, attend each evening, the many involved taking turns by group? The children are their personal responsibility in their social hours, and they should assume it. I should think it would be a pleasure not an undesirable task which they are unwilling to assume after having brought these children into this distracted world. There seemed to be little difficulty getting sponsors for the social life of the men recently in the service, for the most part older than these teen-agers and totally unknown to the sponsors. Why now the indifference when the interest and enthusiasm should be higher? What of the future if parents shuffle off their responsibility? They don't provide any social life in their homes for their young people, and they don't want to exert themselves when the community provides a place, even paying the rental for it, until one can be established on its own. Can it be that we have come to that low point in our social responsibility?

Sincerely,
MRS. LEONIE E. SCHMIDT

Graduation Fete

Graduation ceremonies, followed by a dinner dance, were held recently at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel by the San Carlos Police Reserve. Officer Edwin Maillard acted as master of ceremonies, and Police Chief Edward J. Wheeler awarded diplomas.

Among the 60 guests present were Mayor Patrick J. Kearns, Councilman Charles F. Thomas, Police Commissioner and Councilman Truman S. Waterman, and City Clerk Beatrice Roberts.

The four men who completed the seven-month program of police training were Kenneth Black, John McCreagh, Charles Blake, and Edward Bettencourt. Blake and Bettencourt were recently appointed regular members of the San Carlos Police Department.

Councilman Waterman stated at the gathering that "all future appointments to the police force will be made from the ranks of the Police Reserve as long as there are members falling under the age requirements and being able to pass the required precautionary period and examination."

Plan Contest

Members of the merchants' committee of the San Carlos Chamber of Commerce have decided to have a "Queen Contest" in connection with the city's Fourth of July celebration this year.

This decision was reached during the last meeting of the group at Laurel Hall.

Retail selling in the city was discussed and a committee appointed to study advertising and the promotion of selling. Among those named were: Ed Husted, Lew Jones, H. H. Dunn, Ray Dixon, Lester Lafferty, R. L. Marx and D. E. McHan. The shipping area will be brought to the attention of the public through efforts of this committee, it was decided.

Evening opening also came in for discussion and the conclusion was reached that shops advocate the policy to open Friday evenings from 7 to 9 o'clock.

The matter of the State Fair Practice Act, in regard to selling, was also discussed.

Other matters taken up were: The members agreed to recommend to the chamber the use of the Redwood City Credit Bureau; to leave the policy of credit and return to the individual stores; that a letter of welcome and a merchants' directory be sent to new residents of the city.

The matter of solicitations from merchants was considered and the policy formulated by the chamber previously was reaffirmed that all requests should be cleared first through the chamber of commerce.

The question of closing on holidays was again discussed and it was decided a postcard vote would be taken for all controversial holidays. The committee approved of the closing on Good Friday from 12 to 3 p. m.

Refreshments were served following the meeting. Mrs. Husted and Mrs. William Colling were hostesses.

Ask Strike

The CIO Utility Workers Union said Friday the San Francisco local has joined four other locals, including Local 137, representing San Mateo County, in asking permission of the CIO Utility Workers Council to take a strike vote for strike action against Pacific Gas & Electric Co., with whom union wage negotiations are now deadlocked.

San Francisco Local 133 is the largest of the union locals in the PG&E system.

All requests will be referred to the council at its next regular meeting here Mar. 2.

Garden

BY ROLLY LANGLEY

It would be a good idea if more of the garden organizations in the area would instruct their corresponding secretaries to dig in and send in a little news to this column every once in a while. Yesterday I gave you the letter from the Sacramento Gladiolus Society, and it gives you an idea of what's doing around and about with these very popular flowers.

Also received recently, a report with a lot of ideas from Mrs. A. E. Morrison of Sacramento Garden Center. Maybe some of them will work for other communities and clubs.

"Knowing your interest in Garden Centers, I am sending the following brief sketch of our center in Sacramento," writes Christine Morrison." The building is located in MacKinley Park at the head of a patch which leads through the rose garden. It is of simple frame construction, whitened knotty pine within, and large enough to seat about 100 people.

"There is a garden library, still life boxes, receptacles and other equipment for flower arrangements, containers for specimen blooms, and a small kitchen. It has functioned as a Center since 1941 to the extent of serving as a meeting place for garden clubs and plant societies, and more recently for the Sierra Camera Club and the Northern California Arts Assn.

"In September of 1946, a constitution and bylaws were adopted and officers chosen to carry on a considerably expanded program of community service. The physical plant is too small and it is expected the City of Sacramento will make improvements before too long.

"Following is a condensation of the purposes of the center:

(1). To create a more beautiful community by sharing garden inspiration.

(2). To foster more and better gardens.

(3). To provide a meeting place and workshop for garden groups.

(4). To serve the public through displays, flower shows, tours, lectures, etc.

(5). To promote advancement of horticulture.

(6). To provide study classes in landscape, design, and related areas, as ceramics.

(7). To coordinate efforts of garden clubs.

(8) To cooperate with California Garden Clubs Inc., Sacramento City Park Dept., work of art galleries, etc.

(9). To assist in perpetuating the name of "Camellia City" for Sacramento.

"In briefing the purposes of the Center, I hope I have made the trend clear. We are thinking in terms of a paid director when conditions require it. . . . Miss Marie Bosworth has been the "wheel horse" or the "spark plug" in getting the center under way and achieving progress through the war years. . . ."

Don't you agree that the Sacramento Garden Center is doing something very worthwhile . . . something that other people could do to advantage. Not only are garden hobbyists benefited, but those with other home crafts and interests.

And of course there are ever so many people who have many interests. One person may like gardening very much, enjoy baking a pot or two and a jar in a ceramics furnace, at times try a bit of carving, plus some canvas daubing, and go for a share of social life.

I'm inclined to think those with various interests get even more fun out of life than those who concentrate solely on one.

Thus a center where all the arts and crafts are encouraged and practiced may not only appeal to more people, but attract them in more ways. Thus, it's more deserving of community-wide support.

Let's hear from other organizations. If your corresponding secretary has been dormant on a dime, tell that scribe to get off the dime and let the ink flow! It's Spring—almost!

Pair Jailed

San Carlos police Thursday morning arrested Curtis C. Williams, 37, 1671 16th Ave., San Francisco, on a charge of drunken driving. A companion, Edith Williams, 45, of the same address, was arrested on a charge of being drunk in and about an automobile.

Williams, who told authorities that he was a tavern owner, was picked up after being seen driving down the wrong side of El Camino Real, police said.

Williams was held on $250 bail, while his companion's bail was set at $50. Both are to appear before Judge Rupert Johnson on Feb. 27.

Halt Smoke

Redwood City firemen cut off a defective and smoking electric motor in the Sequoia Theater Saturday before youthful patrons at a matinee noticed the signs of fire, Chief Joe Lodi said today.

Robert Benton, theater manager, called firemen at 2:26 p.m. when he noticed the smoke. While the show was in progress firemen searched the backstage area until they found the smoking electric motor.

Department reports showed that the motor, which operates a stage curtain, had recently been rewound.

At 1:21 a.m. Saturday the department was called on another smoke investigation. A passer had noticed smoke on the roof of the office of Dr. Richard Ames at Middlefield Rd. and Jefferson Ave. Investigation proved that the smoke came from a steam outlet attached to a cleaning plant next door to the physician's office.

Boy Scout News

Scout troops and cub packs of Redwood City have scheduled Sunday, Mar. 16, for a citywide paper drive, scout headquarters officials announced yesterday, emphasizing the request of unit leaders that newspapers and magazines be securely tied in bundles and placed at curbsides to facilitate collection, to be limited to the Redwood City area.

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Air Squadron 2, San Carlos, now meets at the San Carlos Recreation building on Tuesday evenings, instead of at the Cooley Industries, according to James S. Butler, neighborhood commissioner for the unit. Butler reported that the squadron plans several overnight hikes in the early Spring.

Meanwhile, he said, the air scouts are continuing a membership drive and work on their advancement program, stressing study of aerobatics. A recent meeting of squadron leaders was held at Butler's home for the planning of programs to aid the air scouts in their advancement efforts.

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Surf fishing, hiking and exploring were in order for scouts of Troop 103, Redwood City, who spent the weekend at Santa Cruz, supervised by Scoutmaster George T. Rayfield. In charge of possible first aid requirements was Larry Brady, while Ray Augustine, qualified Red Cross lifeguard, was on hand in case of swimming emergency.

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At this week's meeting of Troop 104, Redwood City, Gene Wilson and Joe Spinella passed their tests in first aid requirements, and members devoted the rest of the meeting to planning for the troop's role in the forthcoming citywide paper drive.

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A series of first aid lessons for members was concluded this week when Willis Leslie of the Redwood City Fire Dept. conducted his final session as guest instructor in that subject for Troop 122, Redwood City. Next on the troop's spring activity program is an overnight hike Mar. 1 and 2, weather permitting.

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New scoutmaster for Troop 143, Redwood City, will be M. R. De Fore, one of several volunteers taking over the troop as a result of its reorganization. Troop committee chairman will be Floyd Smith, and members of the committee will include representatives of the local chapter of the Native Sons of the Golden West, troop sponsors, and four former scouts of the troop, according to a report submitted this week by Hamilton L. Day, neighborhood commissioner for the unit. Day further declared that the troop "is ready to roll gain," after being seriously hampered by a shortage of leaders during the war.

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Scout Richard Schier was recently appointed junior assistant scoutmaster of Troop 149, Redwood City, replacing Life Scout Roger Binkley. The appointment, made by Leader Dalton Lewis, resulted from Binkley's announcement that his family will soon move from Redwood City. Binkley, highest ranking scout in the troop, also holds the longest record of service with the unit.

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Scouts of Troop 160, Redwood City, this week welcomed Floyd Hagen as their new scoutmaster. Hagen, himself formerly a scout, devoted the meeting time to getting acquainted with his charges, 24 in number, who were put through their paces by junior officers of the troop. The new leader also conferred with troop committeemen in planning spring camping and other outdoor activities for the unit, in which he will be aided by Cecil Wells, assistant scoutmaster.

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A skit featuring an offstage voice and a ticking clock to dramatize the point of immediate action to provide for boyhood needs of companionship and constructive play, as offered by scouting and cubbing, was the highlight of the recent meeting of Pack 62, Redwood City, led by Cubmaster Art Compin. Other events of the evening were a talk on radar by Al Bennett, employe of Pan American Airways, a cub skit on life in the future, supervised by Mrs. Francis McHenry, den mother, and awarding of cub advancement insignia. A den chief cord was presented to Billy Johnston, and Wolf badges with gold and silver arrows were awarded to Giles McHenry, Frank Tornay, Richard Hamilton and Marvin Compin. One-year service stars went to Frederic Rode, Ronald Collingham, Marvin Compin, James Clark, Ronald Haruff and Buddy Welch. Two new cubs, Michael Shellenbarger and Claude Sommerkorn, passed their Bobcat tests and were officially welcomed into the pack.

Dinner Party

Last Friday evening 70 young girls and their mothers met at the First Baptist Church for a Valentine dinner party.

The men and boys of the church served the dinner. Tables were decorated in the Valentine theme.

Mrs. A. E. Crocker, president of the Women's Missionary Society, served as toastmistress. Mrs. C. E. Wilson gave the toast to the daughters and Miss Carol Ratliff read a bit of verse of her own composition in honor of the mothers. Miss Glenna McQuiston and members of the Harmonettes sang vocal numbers.

Mrs. Jesse Parker, state secretary for world service, was the guest speaker.

Mrs. C. M. Bridges was chairman of arrangements assisted by Mrs. C. R. Horton, Mrs. W. B. Smith and Mrs. A. E. Crocker.

Commuter News

BY JOE CABOOSE

We have a new candidate for Ned Butler's "Cripes, Am I Confused?" Club. He is a fellow columnist (ahem!) who writes "Ramblings by Mac' in a local weekly. The title suggests confusion, and in last week's effort he didn't miss. Mac essayed a critical dissection or analysis of the corporate body of Redwood City, and what doesn't make it tick.

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One of the villains of this confused piece, as you may have guessed, is the lowly commuter—"a critical fellow, whose loyalty stems from a fierce pride in proving to all that he's settled in a 'proper neighborhood'." Sharing obstruction honors with the commuter, according to Myopic Mac, is the pioneer or old-timer "with intense allegiance to the past, his inability or refusal to understand the growing pains of a community whose birth he watched."

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Stating "both the pioneers and the commuters have their common bonds," Mac implied (not too subtly) that the metamorphosis of Redwood City into a community of belching smokestacks was being retarded by the joint efforts of these two groups. Then he went on to compare Redwood City unfavorably "to our sister cities on the Peninsula."

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"San Carlos," he says, "has grown from a few buildings to a bright shiny new community. Belmont has slept away the years but has suddenly come to life. . . . San Mateo and Burlingame, our rich relatives, seem to find progress and change to their liking. . . ."

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What made San Carlos a "shiny new community?" What made Belmont "suddenly come to life?" Ditto San Mateo and Burlingame? Was it belching smokestacks, factories and sweatshops? No, brother, it was commuters! Hundreds of them, seeking suburban homes, away from the roar and turmoil and congestion of the city, away from the belching smokestacks!

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If anyone questions that let him find out what percentage of population increase in the northern communities since 1940 represents commuters and he will have the answer. We would be willing to bet that outside of the owners and employes of the palatial new supermarkets and modern shops that have moved into these "suddenly awakened sister cities," 85 per cent of the newcomers are commuters, and probably another 10 per cent are elderly retired persons seeking a quiet suburban life.

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So make up your minds, you commuter-baiters, whether commuters are an asset or a liability, meat or poison to your fair city. If what has happened to San Carlos, Belmont, San Mateo and Burlingame is good, maybe you better try a little of it in Redwood City. Why not roll out the welcome mat to commuters, and mean it? Why not try working with them as earnestly as they try to work with, and for, Redwood City? Why not encourage and cooperate instead of belittle?

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Commuters are not opposed to industry in Redwood City. It says so in the club's bylaws. But they don't want a factory or a tannery in their backyards. Keep the industry on the bay front and stack it as high as you like!

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In the meantime, Chamber of Commerce Mgr. Ned Butler will please send Rambling Mac an application blank for membership in the CAIC Club.

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A famous psychiatrist claims that chickens, like humans, often become neurotic. During the war one of our hens had a nervous breakdown because she could never find anything where she laid it. And it's too bad we can't feed all such corn to the chickens.

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Pres. Bill McKeegan is home after a week in Portland during which he visited his daughter, Norma, a student at the University of Oregon. . . . Secy. Frank Hull returns to work today after a week's illness. . . . Vince Malone, colonel for the Commuters Red Cross drive, wants all committeemen on deck next Sunday to begin the house-to-house convass. . . . A new club roster just off the press lists the names of 155 active and paid-up members.

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Sam Shotwell, San Francisco insurance company executive who lives in Redwood City's nylon stocking district, will think twice hereafter before he takes a seat in one of Martin's local buses. On the way to the 7:43 the other morning Shotwell, who stands 6 feet, six, and grosses 250 lbs., squeezed into a small side seat, and at the end of the line he was unable to get out. While Lou Winkenwerder went on ahead to hold the train, Frank Brady, Bill Silverthorne, several other commuters and the bus driver tugged at Big Sam until he was free. He made the train, but stood all the way, our operatives report.

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Lent, the 40 days preceding Easter Sunday, began last Wednesday. Tuesday evening the youngsters were discussing what they planned to "give up" as little acts of self-denial. Pat announced she was giving up candy, movies and radio mysteries. Ray would give up candy and comic strips, including funny books. Seven-year-old Jim offered to give up school and cod-liver oil.

WILLIAM D. (BILL) SMITH, owner of the California Paving Co is resting at his home in Redwood City following heart attack suffered on Sunday, Feb. 9.

MODERN living room furniture, occasional chair, carpets, all like new, dishes, etc., very reasonable. 2831 Hacienda St., San Mateo. Phone RC 5-1710.

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WICKER Baby buggy, lined with pink quilted satin, has sturdy hand brake, A-1 cond. $25. Call San Carlos 1499-J.

USED Singer sewing machine $12. RC 2593-W.

OUR Son received two tricycles for Christmas. Will sell one, $11. Hardly used. 132 Dexter Ave., Redwood City.

NEW Singer featherweight portable machine, complete set of attachments, incl. buttonholer. 2729 Jefferson Ave.

CASH register, serv. sta. type; can be seen at Sharkey's serv. sta., S.C. Ave. and El Camino Real, San Carlos.

RABBITS
Does ready for breeding. Also bucks for studding. 479 Sequoia Ave., RC 2241.

COLORED Fryers, dressed. Ph. R.C. 1118-W.

IRISH Setter pups, wonderful for children & hunting. Reasonable. 327 D St., R.C.

CANARIES, daffodil, also white, some crested each. 731 Valparaiso, Menlo Park, second block above highway, Menlo Park.

Port. phono. new $20. 6 tu. tble. radio new $30. Small tble. radio used, $17.50. Port. elec. phono. used, $30. Record player used, $12.50. 131 Finger Ave., R.C.

YOUNG Fresh cow for sale. Call Wdse. 810 after 5 p.m.

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PERSIAN type Oriental rug, 10x13, new, $185. Damask drapes, 2 pairs, $12.50. EM 6-6436.

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Chaperones Assured

Volunteer chaperones for The Spot, Redwood City adolescent recreation center, were assured last Friday at a meeting of park and recreation commission members and representatives of Redwood City fraternal and civic organizations.

Evelyn Carlson, acting commission secretary, said that the organization representatives had committed their groups to furnishing each opening of the center with two chaperones.

City Councilman Carl (Ike) Britschgi and Mrs. Violet Brown will assign dates to each organization on which it will be responsible for furnishing chaperones, the secretary said.

Commission Chmn. Elmer Ross received a vote authorizing a five-person adult steering committee for the center to function for another six months. Members of the committee are Britschgi, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Roy Cloud Jr., Mrs. A. A. Tucker and Jack Poole, chairman.

The center is open Saturday afternoons for high school students.

Paid supervision for the center is supplied from a $970 fund set up by the Community Chest, Britschgi said yesterday. With this fund the commission will hire Robert Genochio and Benjamin McQuire to supervise. Genochio of the Redwood City Recreation Department, and McQuire, Burlingame recreation director, will handle The Spot on a part-time basis.

Since it was opened the center has been crowded each open evening. Britschgi estimates that 500 'teen-agers use it each night.

The commission is now forwarding plans to install basketball and badminton courts outside the building at Jefferson Ave. and Broadway.

Forum Letter

To the Editor:

I am a newcomer in Redwood City and am surprised to find the attitude of the owners of your retail stores. Have inquired why the stores have not modernized their store fronts as other towns have done in California; why they haven't more manufacturing concerns; why they haven't modern street signs; why the stores do not carry a larger assortment and variety of every-day household necessities?

Was surprised to hear them all say that we have had a bunch of mossbacks who kept the city back. But now they have started to elect young men on the city council and we expect to have a progressive city.

Was also told that the common every day articles I wanted to buy could be purchased in Palo Alto where they have a complete line of everything. Many of the store owners said they had a mind to move to San Carlos where they are up to the minute in their stores and that the citizens, shop owners, and the chamber of commerce are on their toes doing things and cooperating with all the business houses and progressive clubs.

This feeling should not exist in your old establishment which is known throughout the land as the city of beautiful homes, gardens, hills, trees and a climate which is unexcelled.

Please try and have your city fathers get together by holding public meetings with the businessmen and citizens and have them all help to make Redwood City the modern, progressive, and leader of Cities on the Peninsula.

Very truly yours,
JOHN WIESE JR.

Meandering Melvin

Meandering Melvin has moseyed away once more.

Nine-year-old Melvin Roger Lewis Jr. of Oakland, who had spent the night in the confines of the juvenile home here following his runaway attempt No. 19 and was picked up here Friday by his father, didn't let his shirt-tail hit him until he scored runaway No. 20.

When his father was taking him home, young Melvin gave him the slip at the San Francisco Bridge Terminal. He was picked up an hour later in Vallejo.

Current plans are for Melvin to spend a while with juvenile authorities.

Melvin was picked up Thursday afternoon at Mills Field after he had boarded a plane for New York and was held here for "safekeeping" overnight Thursday.

Louis F. Beltramo

A heart attack at his home at 99 Marsh Rd., Atherton, Sunday morning proved fatal for Louis F. Beltramo, 47, native of Ringwood Rd., Atherton, and son of two San Mateo County pioneers.

He was proprietor of the Marsh Rd. Inn and a building contractor, and was a graduate of Sequoia High School.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Gemma Beltramo; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Beltramo, 183 Glenwood Ave., Atherton; three sisters, Mrs. Josephine Beltramo, 17th Ave., Atherton; Emily Beltramo, 183 Glenwood Ave., Atherton, and Jeannette Beltramo of San Francisco, and a brother, Alexander Beltramo, 360 Encinal Ave., Menlo Park.

Drink Charge

San Carlos police Saturday arrested Lesley T. McDonald, 37, San Francisco advertising executive who resides at 545 El Arroyo Rd., Hillsborough, on a charge of drunken driving.

McDonald was picked up at 3:30 a.m. after police said they saw him driving a car south in a north lane of El Camino. McDonald, who was held on $250 bail is to appear before Judge Rupert Johnson on Mar. 5.

Earlier, at 1:25, police arrested Lilian R. Koons, 44, 1307 Parkinson Ave., Palo Alto, on a similar charge. She also was held on $250 bail.

Service Explained

In the hope of familiarizing the public with the various functions of the Red Cross before the drive for funds gets under way Saturday, Mrs. Vincent J. Malone, director of the Home Service Dept. of the Redwood City chapter, Monday explained services rendered by her department.

The Home Service Dept., or family welfare service, is a link between the home and the man in service, Mrs. Malone said. It is to the service man or veteran and his family what the county welfare service is to the civilian.

In the Home Service Dept. here besides Mrs. Malone are Mrs. Joseph Morrow, Mrs. William Dohrmann and Mrs. Thomas James (who is now handling campaign arrangements).

Almost 3900 cases are in the file of the Home Service Dept. here.

Among the main functions in this department are communications, reporting, assistance with government benefits and financial aid.

A worker in this department must have a knowledge of a communication service that reaches around the world, Mrs. Malone said. Service men can be reached through this chain established between the home worker and the Red Cross field director. It aids family members to get in touch with each other. Workers in this department must know the reasons why communications are interrupted, and the means of overcoming or intercepting them.

The department provides reports of family and home conditions which will enable a commanding officer or others to act wisely and helpfully toward a person about whom a report is requested.

This report may mean a change in assignment, it may be a report for a doctor in a hospital or it may be a report for veterans' hospitals to better handle a claim.

Assistance is given active service men who apply to the government for family allowances or to a veteran in making a claim.

In compensation for losses sustained by men and their families as a result of service in the armed forces, certain benefits have been designed to help alleviate the problems arising from interruption of education, employment, injury, illness or death.

Home Service offers assistance in obtaining these benefits administered by the War and Navy Depts. and the Veterans' Administration (government allowance for active service, medical care and all types of compensation and pension).

The Red Cross is designated by the War and Navy Depts. to care for needs of service men and their families, families of deceased service men and veterans and their families during adjudication of any type of claim or when for any reason it is delayed or interrupted.

Able-bodied veterans who request it are assisted financially during the first transition period.

The Red Cross also meets emergency non-recurring needs. The Home Service Dept. is always available for consultation, and its workers must be informed on all services available in the community in case Red Cross cannot meet specific needs.

Flood Accepts

James Flood has accepted the job of colonel for Woodside in the Red Cross campaign for funds to get under way next Saturday, Henry C. Maier, campaign chairman for the local chapter, announced Friday.

B. Grant Taylor has been named colonel for Emerald Lake and Maj. Arthur N. White is colonel for Paloma Park.

The Kiwanis Club has divided the business district among five colonels—E. C. Krase, Buzz Martin, Keith Cole, Don Buttle and Phil Patten.

There are still thousands of men with occupation troops, many of them from San Mateo County, Maier declared. Red Cross is there to help them as well as other service men overcome boredom and loneliness in overseas military installations and hospitals with wholesome, homelike recreation. Field directors and their staffs also are there to assist service men with personal and family problems. Red Cross serves members of the armed forces in a similar manner at home.

Red Cross still is on the job for men and women who have left the service—whether they have returned to their places in the community or find themselves in veterans' hospitals, Maier said.

Other Red Cross services are disaster preparedness and relief, home nursing, nutrition, water safety, accident prevention, first aid and blood donor service—programs for the betterment of health and safety of all Americans.

To continue these services, the American Red Cross is asking $60,000,000 from the public in the 1947 fund campaign during the month of March. Quota for the Redwood City chapter is $30,897.

Sewing Session

The John Gill Parent Teacher's Assn. sewing circle met on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Ghielmetti, 460 King St.

Stuffed animals and dolls were made as fell as other hand-made gifts to be sold at the fall carnival. The chairman, Mrs. Leland Marks, reported the work to be well organized and asked more members to attend the next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Nick Barber, 1335 Madison Ave., with Mrs. Robert Meyers as cohostess.

Present Tuesday were Mmes. Charles Byram, Carl Dillon, W. Drummond, Garnet Smith, Nick Barber, Lawrence Stephens, Henry Liemetz, Robert Meyers, John Johnson, H. Bozzo, Carl Peters, W. Paul Whaley, and a guest of Mrs. Marks, Mrs. Thelma Lee of Buhl, Ida.

Garden

By ROLLY LANGLEY

In order to have bulb flowers after the first year, the bulb must store enough energy after producing the flower so that it can produce the second year. The soil must be fertile and the leaves must be left on until growth stops. Mrs. H. P. McWhirter of Davis remarks that her jonquils and lilies bloom only the first year. Perhaps if she left the jonquils in the ground, they'd do better.

Mrs. William Nolan, 1715-8th St., Berkeley, has tried in a number of seed stores (large stores, she says) to buy clematis seeds. The nurseries have started clematis, but she wants to plant seeds. Maybe some seedsman will read this and get in touch with her. (Quote her the net price . . . no commission here.)

Al Jason of Castro Valley writes of his gopher experience: "Ten years ago I bought four acres out here in Castro Valley. Last year we had one acre of the most beautiful vegetables that any one would care to see. The other three acres we had to let go. Hope that I can find time to plant the four acres this year.

"When we moved out here the place was over-run with gophers. I will tell you how I rid the place of them.

"I bought 12 pounds of carbide. Take and put about three tablespoons of carbide into the open gopher hole, then pour about one pint of water into it, then cover the hole up with earth.

"The process we used was the same as above only after about four or five minutes we would open up the hole and set a match to it. This burns the gophers up.

"When setting the match to the carbide, be very careful and do not stand or hold your hand close to the hole, and also, expect to hear a blast.

"Two years ago, before we planted, we killed over 200 in this manner. Last year we did not lose one single plant due to gophers. This year we had trouble in the parsley bed, but that is all over now, after using two doses of carbide."

(If I may come in here with a suggestion. Perhaps it would be safer not to touch a match to the carbide gas. It isn't necessary to cremate the dead gophers, and there's a chance you would burn your hands or face setting the gas afire.)

This is further support for the contention that nothing can get so tough, gardenwise, but that a way around it can be found. During the war carbide was one of the many short items, but it's available now, and so why don't you try it on your gophers? I'd be glad to get reports on the outcome.

Mrs. Howard A. Ives of Menlo Park had oak trees sprayed, and her roses were in range. The spray, whatever the strength was too strong, for it burned the rose leaves. A close examination of the leaves shows that where the spray hit in globules 1/32 inch across, it burned clear through. From her writing, I can't make out all the ingredients in the spray, but DDT was one of them.

Mrs. Clara Clark of Palo Alto says she'd like some sand, but has no way of hauling it, and the nursery won't deliver. (I'll bet the building supply companies will.)

She wonders if chopped up sycamore leaves will help the soil. They certainly should, when composted.

A. S. Head of Palo Alto grows culinary herbs and several rows of leeks, usually some celery and parsely . . . fond of soups, no doubt.

This is a fine time to plant leeks and parsley.

Ida M. Smith asks about making carnation cuttings. In greenhouses this is the usual method, but in gardens a more successful way is to make a knife cut in a good stem, bend it over and put it under several inches of soil. This layering can be done quickly, after you get the knack of it, and just about any time of the year. After the "split" has taken root, you cut the stem to the mother plant.

Carnations can also be grown easily from seed planted right now. Chabauds' giants are excellent.

How are your tomato plants? Mrs. C. A. Pellymounter of Tasso St. canned 40 quarts of pure, strained juice last season, had tomatoes on the table every day all season, "gave away pounds and pounds to neighbors and relatives" . . . and all from 10 Earliana plants!

Holds Meet

The National Secretaries Assn. held a dinner meeting at the "Chukker" in San Mateo on Feb. 20. Eleven members were present and one guest, Mrs. Ethel W. Crosby. It was decided to name the group, Redwood City Chapter, NSA.

The president, Mrs. Donna Noble, appointed the following committees: Mrs. Faye Julien, Mrs. Katherine Fitzpatrick and Mrs. Alfreda Bell, bylaws; Miss Lois Lofquist, "Pal" chairman; and Mrs. Helen Ralph, Mrs. Katherine Fitzpatrick and Miss Adaline Witzke, membership.

Hold Banquet

Record attendance marked the second annual Blue and Gold banquet recently for Cub Pack 15, sponsored by the John Gill School.

The banquet was held at the First Methodist Church, and the Cubs were hosts to their fathers. Special guests included Chet Wilson, southern division scout executive for San Mateo County; Mrs. Will Rogers, district den mother counsellor; Will Rogers, district cub counsellor, and the den mothers of Pack 15.

Leland Marks, cubmaster, welcomed the guests, following the invocation by Elmer Reetz. Marks also praised the work of the den mothers who made the arrangements for the dinner.

Paul Whaley, toastmaster, honored the cubs, and Jack Ghielmetti spoke on behalf of the youths.

Wilson outlined the benefits in cubbing for both fathers and sons.

The cubs provided a program including skits and songs by the four dens, a cornet solo by Louis Knafla, a clarinet solo by Bruce Paulk, and piano solo by Michael Brown.

The fathers also had their "big moment" when six members of the adult group performed musically as a barber shop sextet. These men were Charles Ghielmetti, Paul Whaley, Ivan Brandenberg, Nick Barber, Camilie Santos, and Henry Montiel.

Local "Haven"

Within a few days Los Altos may become the principal West Coast "heaven" for the "angels" of Father Divine, whose dusky desciples call him "God."

Gypsy Buys, who owns the 60-acre former Morgan estate on El Monte Rd. jointly with her husband, Jerry Buys, said Monday that "within two or three days" a deal will go through with either one of two parties now dickering for the property.

Mrs. Buys refused to name the parties. She did say both are religious groups, but refused to say which ones they are. She did not deny that either or both are Negro groups.

Buys, who arrived in Los Altos from Los Angeles Monday, disclosed that a telegram awaited him here signed by "Peace, It's Wonderful Brown."

The telegram said: "Mrs. Buys agrees to (the) contract but has to have your consent. Will be in San Francisco in two or three days."

Anthony Doye, business manager and spokesman for Buys, said he did not know the identity of "Peace It's Wonderful Brown." When asked if Brown were one of Father Divine's "angels" he said he "wouldn't know."

"Peace It's Wonderful" is the slogan chanted by the desciples of Father Divine.

A telegram had been sent to Father Divine at his headquarters in Philadelphia, asking for confirmation and comment, but at press time had received no reply.

Gypsy Buys, who with her husband operated the well-known Gypsy Restaurant near San Bruno which was destroyed by fire not long ago, spoke bitterly about Los Altos.

"Those people are so high and mighty it would be a good thing if they would sit up and pray at night instead of doing so much talking," she declared.

She spoke of the right of any man "regardless of color or creed to live in these United States of ours."

The Buys now live in Los Angeles where they own the former Rudolph Valentino home. Mrs. Buys said she likes cities better than small towns. "Small towns have small people," she said.

Doye today referred to his employer as "quite a fellow," adding that he didnt' know whether or not he would consent to the sale of the property.

Jail Truck Driver

An East Palo Alto truck driver, who sheriff's officers said has been calling them "jerks" who were afraid to serve a traffic warrant on him, cooled his heels last night in the local calaboose.

Dep. Sheriffs Ben Silverstein and Leo Bunner arrested James H. Tibbs, 22, of 872 Runnymede Ave., on a charge of disturbing the peace. They also were holding him on a Palo Alto warrant charging him with failure to appear on a traffic ticket.

Tibbs, the deputies reported, was arrested after Redwood City Police Officer James Schultz had called for aid at the Fat Boy Drive-in on El Camino Real. The deputies said they found Tibbs trying to push Officer Schultz around.

The night before the deputies say they saw Tibbs raising a ruckus in another restaurant near Atherton, but let him go at the request of friends who said they would make Tibbs behave.

"We wouldn't have known of the Palo Alto warrant," the deputies said, "except that Tibbs went bragging around to his friends that the deputy sheriffs were jerks and were afraid to serve the warrant on him."

Tibbs was arrested last night on the disturbing the peace charge after officers claim he instigated a fight at the restaurant.

Youths Nabbed

Youngsters in Redwood City broke out in a rash of vandalism and malicious mischief Saturday and Sunday, Police Lt. S. D. Wood said Monday.

Seven juveniles were booked by police late Sunday afternoon on charges of malicious mischief after they had broken into Washington School.

The lieutenant said the youngsters had broken through a door and then damaged a fresh paint job and finally started a game of basketball in a hallway before they were apprehended.

All were taken to the San Mateo County Juvenile Detention Home.

Saturday two raids in the Edgewood section resulted in property damage and police have not yet apprehended those responsible for it.

Two pottery shrubbery pots in front of the home of Stuart Campbell, 802 Edgewood Rd., were broken, Wood stated, as was an ornamental fence post at the home of Joseph Casaretto, 244 Finger Ave.

Wood said that so far as police could determine these two incidents were "out and out vandalism" and that youngsters in the neighborhood had nothing against either property owner.

In accordance with department police, the lieutenant would not give the names of the juveniles arrested.

Get Charter

The international charter was officially presented to the New Menlo Park Rotary Club last Thursday during a banquet at Ramor Oaks.

The charter was presented to Clayton Elliott, president of the club, by Clarence C. Price, district governor.

The new club was outfitted by gifts from Peninsula and Santa Clara Valley clubs. An American flag was presented by the San Jose and Palo Alto clubs; a bell and gavel by San Mateo and Burlingame; a plaque by San Francisco, and other Rotary equipment by the Los Altos, Redwood City, Sunnyvale, Beverley-Burbank, Mountain View and Santa Clara clubs.

Halt Fire

A grass fire at Middelglen and Jefferson Aves. was put out Sunday afternoon by the Woodside Fire Dept. following a poison oak burning venture by residents of the area.

The fire was reported at 1:56 after the blaze, which had been under control until then, spread to a field of dry grass, the Woodside Fire Dept. reports. No injuries or damage resulted from the fire, they said.

Parents Corner

TRIBUTE TO A FATHER

I saw a ghost recently, or thought I did. It was a kindly, serene ghost, the spirit of a dear friend. It was only after his passing that I truly appreciated his worth. The realization of how his life continues in the life of the family he had to leave, brought a lump in my thrat that I cannot seem to lose.

This column is a toast to him and a toast to other fathers like him.

The occasion was prosaic enough. It was a picnic of a clan of relatives and was held at a small neighborhood park. When it came time to eat we gathered in little family units around some green tables, opened our baskets, and ate the lunches our wives and mothers had provided for us.

One family group was outstanding. A tall, gray haired mother and her two grown-up daughters sat quietly together, enjoying the occasion The youngest member of the family, a husky high school boy, visited around. He returned to the family larder for food, which he ate too rapidly but with real appreciation, then went back to kid along some cousins, attractive girls just his age. What this family needed to make it complete was their father and husband, he was not there. They lost him suddenly two years ago.

But as I watched them, I knew he was there. I could see his expressions in the faces of his daughters and son and I could see his quiet unselfishness in the serene modesty and unselfishness of all of his dear ones. He was there all right, just as he always would be with each member of his family.

He had found a sort of tangible immortality right in this world. He had found it in the lives of those he lived for. There was nothing mystical or supernatural about the spirit whose presence I could feel. It was real and understandable, and it was a tribute to the life he had lived.

I knew him first at Sunday school, where he quietly took over the leadership of a most rambunctious class of boys. He didn't do a particularly good job. There were many in the church who could have done it better. But they were unwilling. Characteristically, he was willing. He stayed with the group until it graduated on to the next department. Then someone found another job which no one else wanted, and uncomplainingly he took it.

He worked as a bookkeeper in one of the larger industrial plants. I don't suppose he ever earned more than $175 per month in his life. His clothes were always shiny—he had to make them last so very long—but they were always well pressed and carefully mended. He was almost anonymous in his lack of distinction on the job. Promotions came for others in his department, but he appeared to lack ambition, and he was totally lacking in the aggressive instincts which make for success in a crowded, competitive industry. So he stayed on year after year in the same routine position.

There never was enough money to go around and as the family grew, he and his wife had to scrimp and cut still more and more. The strain of financial worry began to show in his face. Lines appeared and he grayed too fast. He took on night jobs keeping books for smaller companies which could not afford a full-time bookkeeper. He began to skip his vacations, taking a salary bonus instead.

He wouldn't spend money on himself and for months he tried to ignore a pain in his side. The thought of more doctor bills would help him forget the pain and he didn't think it was anything seious anyway. When he could ignore it no longer, it was too late. He finally had to give up work, and he passed away shortly thereafter. It was only after his passing that all of us realized what a completely unselfish life he had lived and how deeply his spirit had affected us.

The family survived; the girls stopped college and went to work and the mother found part time employment. They grieved deeply for him. They realized how much they owed him. As his family gathered at the picnic you could see how completely successful his life had "I'm satisfied: life was good to me." been. I am sure he would have said,

Gardener Arrested

Laurie B. Kendall, 40, Rt. L, Box 296, Portola Rd., Woodside, a gardener, was booked on a charge of drunken driving and for investigation of a charge of felony drunken driving early Sunday morning.

He was apprehended by Redwood City police after his automobile and one driven by Jane Wilson, 20, 1130 Main St., sideswiped on Woodside Rd. at Valota Rd.

The other driver was taken to Community Hospital for treatment of what Police Lt. S. D. Wood termed "slight" injuries.

Drunken driving is a misdemeanor unless a collision results in injury to another person, Wood explained. In case of injury a driver may be booked on a charge of felony drunken driving. Wood said that if the other driver's injuries proved at all serious, Kendall would be charged with felony drunken driving.

Style Show

A Fashion Show and tea has been announced by the San Carlos Chapter, No. 551, Order of Eastern Star, to take place Thursday, Mar. 20, at 2 o'clock in the city hall. Mrs. Myrtle Grinnell is in charge of arrangements.

The chapter held its regular meeting and initiation recently at Laurel Hall with Laura Prince, worthy matron and Ferd Prince, worthy patron presiding.

It was "Sideliners' Night" with each receiving a small calendar and valentine. The Valentine motif was used for decorations in the hall and banquet room.

Minister Sues

The E. T. Haas Co. of San Mateo and Edwin Gates, truck driver for the firm, Monday were sued by the Rev. John E. Rinehart, retired minister, for $38,782 damages for injuries suffered in a traffic collision.

The accident between a car driven by Rinehart and a pickup truck driven by Gates occurred on Bayshore Hwy. near 19th Ave., San Mateo, last Mar. 25.

Rev. Mr. Rinehart, who also is a lecturer, stated that he suffered double fractures of the left arm, crushed left wrist and foot, broken left foot, cracked pelvis and cuts and bruises.

20th Anniversary

Seventeenth District, California Congress of Parents and Teachers, observed the 50th anniversary of the National Parent Teacher's Assn., and the 20th anniversary of the district on Thursday at the Founders' Day meeting held at Burlingame High School.

Mrs. J. J. Garland and Mrs. L. G. Owen were narrators in presenting the theme of the day 'The Tree." The sturdy oak is the symbol of the National CPT, with the trunk representing the national association; the branches, the state congresses; small limbs, the districts and councils; the twigs the local organizations, and the leaves, the individual members.

Mrs. Garland told of the strong growth made in the 50 years and that the objects and policies set up by the national founders are still in use. Mrs. Owen recalled the 20 years of the district and gave a resume of things accomplished.

A musical program was given by the Burlingame High School orchestra under the direction of Elmer Young. Selections played were "Symphony 10, Finale" by Haydn; "Elsa's Dream" from Lohengrin, by Wagner; "Andalucia" by Leucona, and "Rosemunde" Overture, by Schubert.

Past district presidents introduced by Mrs. George Bruns, Founders' Day chairman, were Mrs. L. G. Owen, Mrs. J. R. Spann, Mrs. J. J. Garland, Mrs. B. D. Ralston and Mrs. Stella Jensen. Greetings were read from absent past presidents, Mrs. E. I. Bartlett, Mrs. M. E. Stanley, Mrs. E. L. Miller and Mrs. L. G. Evans. A tribute to the memory of Miss Victoria Roussel, second 17th District president, written by Mrs. Garland, was read by Mrs. Owen.

Past district officers and chairmen welcomed included Mrs. W. J. Hayes, past state president and charter member; Pansy Jewett Abbott, San Mateo County superintendent of schools; Mrs. Beulah C. Schindler, Mrs. F. H. Stumbles, Mrs. Esther Givens, Mrs. Bertha Marshall, Mrs. Cloyd Miller, Mrs. Mabel Gregson, Mrs. Jesse Mygrants, Mrs. Alice Mattei, Mrs. N. E. Steele, Mrs. C. Gorse, Mrs. J. M. Edding, Mrs. E. R. Burton and Mrs. H. W. Rickmann. Special guests were Mrs. Gordon Wilkinson, president of 16th District, and Mrs. E. Eisele, of 16th District.

Honorary life memberships were presented to Mrs. Owen, district life membership chairman; to Mrs. F. H. Stumbles, who was in charge of the student aid shop for many years, and Mrs. Beulah C. Schindler, past district publicity chairman.

Gifts of 10 units were presented as each unit president placed a twig on a miniature oak tree. Character thought was read by Mrs. B. E. Myers, chairman of character education. Mrs. Faun Tuska led the pledge of allegiance, and a greeting was given by Miss Helen Hodgehead, activities director of Burlingame High School. Community singing was enjoyed with Mrs. G. J. Sirex as accompanist.

Mrs. M. G. Strohmaier presided for the business meeting when the recommendation of the executive board, that the plan of junior statesmen be presented to the state citizenship chairman by Mrs. Strohmaier, was approved.

Attention was called to the series of lectures to be given by Dr. Joseph Solomon for the San Mateo County branch of Mental Hygiene Society beginning Feb. 25, at 8 p.m. at the Burlingame High School, and the first meeting of the proposed Peninsula Brotherhood League at Bob's on Broadway, Saturday, Feb. 22, at 12:30 p.m. Mrs. Donald Grant asked consideration of Coyote Point as a county recreation center.

Realty Meet

A joint installation of officers of the Central San Mateo County Board of Realtors and the Menlo Park-Atherton and Palo Alto Board of Realtors will be held next Thursday at Ramon Oaks. Installing officer will be State President L. Louis Gairand.

Officers of the Central San Mateo County group to be installed include Teddy Lauman, president; John Herndon, vice president; Leo Clements, secretary; Ted Seufert, treasurer, and Jack Kramer, Carl Yearing and Charles Cavalier, board of directors.

New officers of the Menlo Park-Atherton and Palo Alto board include Ed Mellon, president; David Ingram, vice president; Ronald Ferguson, treasurer; Percy Spedden, secretary, and Miss Emma Noel, Harry Spade, and Clifford La Montagne, board of directors.

Schutzes Honored

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Schutz were guests of honor at a 40th wedding anniversary dinner Sunday at Monaco's in San Francisco given by their daughters and son.

Among those attending were Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Silver of San Carlos, Mr. and Mrs. David Schutz of Redwood City, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Krug and David and Roslyn Krug of Manor; Mr. and Mrs. Kalman Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Krug, and Mrs. Beatrice Cohen and her son, Newton, all of San Francisco, and Mrs. Shifra Couzins and Sam Couzins of Oakland.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Carl W. Anderson, Atty.
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
No. 42589—Dept. No. 2

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF the State of California, in and for the County of San Mateo.

In the Matter of the Application of CHARLES HENRY ANDERSON, For Change of Name.

Charles Henry Anderson having this day filed his application praying for an Order of this Court changing his present name to the proposed name of Charles Henry Voytan.

It is hereby ordered that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before the said Superior Court in Department No. 2 thereof, at the Courthouse in said County, at Redwood City, on March 17th, 1947, at 10 o'clock a.m. of said day to show cause, if any they have, why the said application for change of name should not be granted; and

It is further ordered that a copy of this Order be published in the Times Gazette, a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in San Mateo County, once a week for four (4) publications prior to the 17th day of March, 1947.

Dated: February 12th, 1947.

Edmund Scott, Judge of the Superior Court.

Carl W. Anderson, American Trust Co. Bldg., Burlingame, Calif. Burlingame 4-2589.

(Endorsed) Filed Feb. 13, 1947. W. H. Augustus Clerk; by Madeline S. Zeller, Deputy Clerk.

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Favor Architect

An informal poll of Menlo Park realtors Friday showed all who were questioned were in favor of the proposed Menlo Park Board of Architectural Review. The poll of seven real estate dealers was conducted by Dick Wright, realtor, who said he felt he had contacted a good cross section of local realtors.

Opposition to the way the proposed ordinance has been drawn up was again voice Friday by Edward Mellon. (Mellon had been out of town and had not been questioned during the poll.)

He reiterated his former stand that the proposed architectural board should be purely advisory. The ordinance as it has been drawn, he declared, makes it compulsory that the building department submit a copy of a builder's plans to the board for its approval or rejection. He added that the questioned whether such an ordinance would stand up legally after it had been placed in operation.

David Ingram Jr. said he wanted to correct the impression possibly given Monday night that he was opposed to the architectural board. He said his point was that the board should not say whether a set of plans for a new commercial building should be one style or another, but rather should advise the builder in choosing plans for a building that would be attractive.

The real estate dealers polled by Wright, all of whom said they would go on record as favoring the plan for architectural improvement, were E. C. LaMontagne, Spade, Realty Co., Miss E. Noel, Seybold and Ferguson, Mark Loughlin, Victor Greisser, David Ingram, and David Ingram Jr.

Drive Lags

A total of $7000 must still be raised in the Menlo Park Presbyterian Church Assessment Fund Drive, Victor Greisser, publicity chairman, announced Monday. To date, $2150 has been donated.

The $9100 assessment fee must be raised or the drive will fail, Greisser pointed out. According to law, the fee either must be paid in full by cash or it must go to bonds, with interest paid on the full amount for 15 years. It can't be paid partly in cash and the rest allowed to go to bonds. However, in any eventuality, all money raised will go toward the assessment fee.

The response of those approached has been good, Greisser declared, but more workers are needed to contact individuals. Volunteers, he said, may contact George Angus, chairman, or Larry Johnston, treasurer of the Menlo Park Citizens' Committee, sponsoring group.

On Honeymoon

Now honeymooning in Northern California are the newlywedded Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bernard, the former Patricia Schath, who exchanged vows last Thursday evening at the Mt. Carmel Church. The newlyweds, both former Sequoia High School students, plan to live in Redwood City on their return.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor L. Schath of 1105 Madison Ave., was given in marriage by her father. Greens, white snapdragons and stock decorated the church for the rites.

Patsy wore a powder blue suit and a hat of heirloom lace, which she made herself. She carried a heart-shaped bouquet of white carnations and for "something old" a lace handkerchief which had been carried by her grandmother, the late Mrs. Marie Gustasson of San Francisco, at her wedding. A gold cross belonging to Mrs. Myrtle Wood of Reno a guest at the wedding, was her something borrowed.

Mary Ryder served as maid of honor. Her suit was of yellow and grey pinstripe and she wore a hat low daffodils. Pollard Hunt of this city served as best man and ushers of yellow feathers and carried yelwere Alfred Hunt and Vern Schath, the bride's brother.

A reception at the Schath home for 75 guests followed. Spring blossoms, stock and carnations transformed the house into a garden, and a four-tiered cake, surrounded with ceilophane bells and white gardenias, was served. Mrs. Schath wore a powder blue crepe gown with an orchid corsage and Mrs. Barney Bernard, mother of the bridegroom, wore a grey suit with gardenia corsage.

Robert is the only son of the Barney Bernards of this city. He attended Sequoia High School and served in the army during the war. His grandmother, Mrs. Annie Nusbaum, attended the wedding.

Patsy was graduated from Sequoia High School and was employed at Dibble General Hospital during the war. Her grandfather, Mr. George Gustasson of San Francisco, came down for the wedding.

Heart Attack

Norbert Lambert, Redwood City real estate operator, was resting comfortably today at the Palo Alto Hospital after suffering a heart attack during an Odd Fellows meeting Wednesday night.

Hospital officials said Lambert is in no immediate danger, although he will require a lengthy rest period before returning to work.

No more of this!

It's hard work, isn't it, when you have to plug in a lamp, radio or vacuum cleaner by the grunt and groan method?

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Fire on Bus

Redwood City firemen answered a call sent when a Martin Transportation Co. bus caught fire Friday at Broadway and Brewster Ave.

The fire in the bus was extinguished, Chief Joe Lodi said, before the department arrived. There were no passengers on the bus at the time an oil line broke over an exhaust pipe and started the fire.

Tells Troth

Miss Virginia White of 1375 Eaton Ave., San Carlos, an active member of many Peninsula organizations, has been the featured member at recent club meetings, when she announced her engagement to Lt. Harold Marcus Dye, USN.

At a recent meeting of the Gen. George S. Evans Relief Corps at the Odd Fellows Hall, tables were decorated with China lilies, smilax and two miniature battleships to reveal the betrothal. Miss White, also a member of the San Mateo Chapter of the Rebekahs, entertained members at her home recently at an informal announcement party.

Other recent announcements were made when the bride-elect passed the traditional five-pound box of candy to her fellow members of the Friendship Circle of the San Carlos Community Church on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Pat Sampson, and she also passed candy at a meeting of the South Palo Alto Woman's Club of which she is a member.

Miss White is the daughter of Mrs. Mabel White of Palo Alto and the late Mr. Joseph Wells White. She is the sister of Mrs. John Cuffe of Palo Alto, Mrs. Raymond O. West of Arlington, Wash., Mrs. Frank McGinnis of South Dakota, Mr. Joseph T. White of Lake Tahoe, Mr. John D. White of Maryland, a graduate of Annapolis, and Mr. David B. White of Southgate.

Lieutenant Dye, the son of Mrs. Anna Dye of Montevideo, Minn., who has been in the navy 28 years, served in the Pacific during the war as communications officer aboard the USS El Dorado. He is a member of the Shrine in San Diego. He expects to be stationed at Hunter's Point in the near future and wedding plans depend on navy orders.

Miss White was graduated from high school in Kirkland, Wash., where she first met her future husband.

Kill Plan

The San Mateo County Planning Commission late Friday afternoon refused to rezone a block in the Oak Grove Park subdivision south of Redwood City from a two-family zone to a one-family area.

The commission denied the petition of 21 property owners after another petition, also signed by 21 persons, had opposed the move. Seven persons had signed both petitions.

The block is on Edgewood Rd., between El Camino Real and Glendale Ave. The area already contains several lots on which two or more one-family houses have been built, and a back-zoning would have prevented the construction of additional buildings on single lots already containing one dwelling.

The petitioners declared, however, that it was not the number of houses they wished to restrict, but the type. They were afraid, they told the commission, that prefabricated houses would cut down property values in the neighborhood.

They were instructed that if that was their goal, they should draw up a new petition setting a minimum unit cost on the houses to be built in the neighborhood.

The commission also took under advisement a recommendation by County Engineer M. A. Grant that the county abandon a two-mile stretch of the old San Pedro Mountain Rd., north of Montara, on the grounds that it was little used and a needless expense to maintain.

The rest of the meeting consisted of hearings on minor one-lot rezonings, three tentative subdivision maps and similar routine matters.

Seek Funds

A drive to finish paying for the five lots on which an East Palo Alto recreational building will be built by the County of San Mateo is being launched by a newly-appointed ways and means committee of the Recreation Assn. of Southeast San Mateo County, Mrs. James Wyatt, secretary, announced Monday.

A paper drive and a country fair are being planned as money-making projects to raise the $1100 still due. The paper drive will be held Mar. 2 and Apr. 13, and the fair some time in April.

In addition, the Raven-Haven Recreation Club, 'teen-age committee, will sponsor a barn dance from 8 p.m. to midnight Mar. 1 at the Ravenswood School Auditorium. Club dues for the evening will be raised to 25 cents, and proceeds will benefit the recreation building site fund.

Two large donations have already been received by the ways and means committee, $150 each from the Catholic Ladies' Club and the Ravenswood School Dist. Salvage Committee. The latter group collected and sold scrap iron during the war and had some money left in its treasury.

Under county arrangements for erection of recreation building in unincorporated areas, the land must be paid for locally and must be completely paid for and deeded to the county before the county will construct the building.

The East Palo Alto Civic League originally acquired five lots off Manhattan Ave. adjacent to Ravenswood School and began payments on them. Last year, a substantial sum was reported set aside in the county budget for the recreation building, but was not used because the land had not been paid for.

Chairman of the ways and means committee is Hy Zimmer, and he is assisted by Mrs. Paul Boyer, Mrs. T. A. Callahan and Walter Sjosten of the San Mateo County Recreation Commission.

President of the committee sponsoring the 'teen-age barn dance is Myles Lang; vice president is Paul Cole; secretary, Elaine Covert Faylor, and treasurer, Ozzie Harding.

Members are Betty Perry, Doris Bringhurst, Joe Spinozzi, Joan Jackson, Dwight Faylor, Boosie Harding, Shirley Ingalls, Dan Lum, Phil Wolcott, Herman Schob, Jerry Bringhurst, Bill Hollis and Frances Romera.

Nude Mag Banned

By AL BODI

A nudist magazine, showing pictures of men and women lacking even the traditional fig leaf, was yanked suddenly from all newsstands in San Mateo County, and coutny officials Saturday were taking steps to have it barred from the state.

John S. Cowgill, chief probation officer, said that he was asking Atty. Gen. Fred Howser to see whether a state ban could be invoked against the magazine, Sunshine and Health, which calls itself the "Official Organ of the American Sunbathing Association, Inc."

Cowgill added that he planned to write to the postmaster general, to find out whether the magazine was passing through the mails in violation of the postal laws.

The action in removing the February issue from the stands was taken by the San Mateo County distributor himself, Cowgill said. It came after Police Chief Robert O'Brien had ordered the magazine off all stands in San Mateo.

O'Brien banned the magazine, Cowgill said, after an irate San Mateo mother had notified him that she had caught her young son inspecting life in the raw.

The San Mateo police chief called the distributor, who disclaimed having seen the February issue. Previous issues had partly covered up the bodies, but this one lifted all the veils.

O'Brien told the distributor to take a look at the February issue, Cowgill said. The distributor, when he inspected the magazine immediately removed the magazine from all stands in the county.

He also promised O'Brien that he would cancel all new issues, and would no longer handle the magazine.

Since the distributor has shown such a cooperative spirit, Cowgill today said that probably no criminal action would be filed against him.

Late Friday afternoon, however, Cowgill had conferred with Dep. Dist. Atty. Fred Wyckoff about possible prosecution of the distributor and newsstand operators.

Any of these persons could be charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, Cowgill said, if he were seen selling the magazine to a child.

When the February issue was put on the stands, high school and even grammar school kids started snapping them up, Cowgill said, paying 40 cents for each copy.

Several Redwood City newsstand dealers, when quizzed today, cautiously said that they did not have any copies of the magazine—it had not reached them this month, they claimed.

The magazine is published by the Outdoor Publishing Co. at Mays Landing, N. J. The front cover of this month's issue shows men, women and children sunbathing in the nude around the rim of a swimming pool.

The back cover shows a well-developed woman, with one arm coyly hidden behind a small tree.

Page 2 is a full-page picture of a middle-aged couple identified as "leaders of the Paradise Health Associates of Jamul, Calif., who are to be hosts to the 1947 annual meeting of the American Sunbathing Assn. on their spacious ranch where already preparations are in process to accommodate the largest gathering of the nudist clans yet planned."

The man is stark naked; the woman wears a wedding ring.

Other pages contain nudes of both sexes, some individually, others in family and in larger groups. Some are exercising, one girl is in "flight without wings" and others just pose artistically. One woman, clad only in shoes, sits gingerly atop a horse.

Cowgill's chief concern was not whether the pictures were of a lewd nature or of the effect the pictures may create on a mature adult. As a probation officer who has seen a large amount of sexual delinquency, he was worried about the effect the pictures might have on the immature children.

"If the schools were permitted to teach sex education properly, or if the parents gave proper sex education, the children could take these things in stride," he declared.

SF Sues

The City and County of San Francisco has filed an eminent domain suit in superior court here against about 160 individuals and corporations, owners of property which San Francisco wants for an aqueduct.

The water pipeline is to run from South San Francisco to the San Francisco line, roughly paralleling the Municipal Railway tracks into Colma, then in a zigzag line the rest of the way.

The pipeline is needed as a measure "of public interest and necessity," the complaint states.

The decision to acquire the right of way was taken by a vote of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, which passed a resolution for the acquisition on last Oct. 2.

Opens Shop

C. A. O'Shea, who operated the Woodside Upholstery for 10 years, has opened "The Interior Shop" at 1011 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. He has added F. S. Davis, just out of the air force, as his partner, he announced. Davis is a designer of interiors.

New Rooms

New rooms at Willow School to be provided by the $172,500 Ravenswood School District bond election Mar. 11 must be completed by the beginning of the next school year because all rooms in the present schools are filled to capacity, a group of residents of the district interested in providing adequate school facilitis stressed Friday.

This was emphasized at the third meeting of the committee for publicity, which reported it has completed plans to inform the community on the necessity of supporting the bond issue.

BUILDING BAROMETER
REDWOOD CITY
(Reported by
Bldg. Insp. L. M. Duncan)

To date this year	**$332,350**
To date last year	**750,750**

New permits—Leonard Realty Co., 255 Alameda de las Pulgas, $10,000 dwelling; C. H. Carlson, 1524 Redwood Ave., 5000 dwelling.

Books

Popular fiction, the speeches of President Roosevelt, China, and the misadventures of house building, a beloved children's author, and the long, long ago in America before the automobile age find places on the library's list of new books this week.

Thunder Out Of China—by T. H. White and Annalee Jacoby. This should be a must book for every person who wishes to understand China and the precarious position she now occupies in world affairs. Written by the two people who constituted the Chungking Bureau for Time and Life during the war, it is based on years of study and first hand knowledge, its history, people and language. The authors examine the political factions in China, our various representatives there (Stilwell, Hurley and Marshall), the civil war, and its great significance. An important and timely book.

Pavilion Of Women — by Pearl Buck. This popular author's new novel deals with a different aspect of Chinese life than she usually treats. These people are the wealthy, leisurely Chinese who live in the great courts of successive generations. Madme Wu, the heroine, decides at the age of 40 to cut herself off from her husband, her sons, her household. A foreign priest who comes into the court further disrupts the long static tempo of life there.

Lady With A Parasol—by Elizabeth Corbett. A typical Elizabeth Corbett romance with many of the qualities of her Mrs. Meigs stories. She has two stories to tell, one of the younger generation in Vera, a realistic young woman, and of the older generation in Vera's Cousin May, who opens her home in a small Wisconsin town to Vera. They each work out their problems to happy endings.

The Angelic Avengers—by Pierre Andrezel. A thriller set in the 1840s. Two young ladies run away from England to France and fall into the trap of a sinister, evil clergyman. Written with distinction, this novel has plenty of mystery, adventure and pure young love.

Mr. Blanding Builds His Dream House—by Eric Hodgins. Mr. Blandings gets "taken" every step of the way when he decides to buy an old house for its historical value, finds its beams gone and ends by building a new house. Hilarious recordings of the horrors of building, house owning, real estate tangles, all done with the aid of a lawyer and an architect.

The Tale Of Beatrix Potter—by Margaret Lane. The thousands of readers and lovers of Peter Rabbit and Mr. Jeremy Fisher knew little or nothing at all of their creator, Beatrix Potter, so that when she died in 1943 hardly more than a stir was felt in the literary world. Now one of the most popular and readable biographies of 1946 describes the life of this delightful, retiring and gifted woman who made herself an immortal with her little books.

Family Life In America, 1850-1900—by B. Partridge and Otto Bettemann. From the famous Bettemann archives come these pictures of a nostalgic period in American life. The text is by Bellamy Partridge, the author of Country Lawyer. The genius of the two men combine to recreate a time when people lived in the country, on the old farm, or in the small towns. Here you will find the homey kitchen, the exuberant holiday season, the county fair, the horse and buggy doctor, and the easy paced life before the advent of the automobile.

Nothing To Fear — the selected addresses of F.D.R. Reading these sixty speeches of the late president, one is impressed again with his enduring faith in America, through years of depression, the world threat of Fascism, the war with Germany and Japan, the Atlantic Charter and the United Nations. Each speech is accompanied by brief explanatory notes, and they have been well edited by B. D. Zevin.

Road Repair

California cities can expect $88,000000 yearly for construction repair and maintenance of streets and highways if Senate Bill 5 passes the special session of the state legislature scheduled to begin Mar. 3.

This and other aspects of the proposed legislation were explained to 150 municipal officers, members of the Peninsula division, League of California Cities, meeting last Thursday at the Sky Cafe, Palo Alto Airport. Speaker was Richard Carpenter, legal counsel for the league.

Carpenter spoke in place of League Executive Secretary Richard Graves, who was unable to appear.

California could expect an added $50,000,000 revenue annually if the bill, authorizing increase of from 3 to 5 cents a gallon on gasoline, is passed, Carpenter revealed.

Three other revenue raising features of the bill were enumerated by Carpenter. They include a proposed tax increase of from 3 to 7½ cents on Diesel fuel; a hike in operators' and chauffeurs' licenses to $4.50, and an unspecified increase in truck registration fees.

The bill, which Carpenter declared had been defeated once before in 1945 by oil and gasoline interests on the Pacific Coast, also provides for increased allocation of from ½ cent to ⅝ cent for maintenance of city streets and state highways running through cities.

The bill also would require the state to maintain all highways it constructs. At present some of the responsibility for maintenance of state highways is assumed by cities and counties, Carpenter explained.

Bride Feted

Mrs. William Hirschmiller, the former Phyllis Brady, was the honored guest at a post-nuptial shower last week given by Mrs. J. Hopkins at her home at 430 Fourth Ave. The newlyweds are now making their home next door at 428 Fourth Ave.

Guests were Vivian Wyant and Mmes. Ann Milne, Don Milne, Ray Giannoti, John Antipa Jr., J. P. Wilson, Antone Hernandez, Hazel L. Brady, Dorothy Dimmen, George Masterson, Ann Stevens, Walter Toohig. Curt White, Mary Cowan, Margaret Clarkson, Mariah Peterson and Ann Hucke. Unable to attend were Mmes. H. W. Buin, Eleanor McIntosh, Roger Hirshmuller, Frances Bartolomei and Helen Horigan.

Garden

BY ROLLY LANGLEY

Every year it comes up, and every year I do my best to put it down again. Not because there's anything against the contrivance. In this column, gadgets, new chemicals, inventions and contrivances are looked upon through rose colored glasses. Some are bound to be worthless, but some are set to become permanent, and only by going through the bin can you separate the grain from the chaff.

Perhaps the reason the strawberry barrel comes up every year is because, once a flour, pickle, nail or vinegar barrel is emptied, it becomes a problem. Unless you're planning on moving, a barrel is an unhandy thing to have around. It would be nice to put it to good use . . . something like growing strawberries.

A barrel is a darned nuisance — it's even a tough thing to break up for kindling wood.

In saying these unkind things about barrels, I'm answering a request from Mrs. Rita Hale of Oakland. She wrote: "Will you please write me all particulars about growing strawberries in a barrel?

"I have three large barrels left over from moving. They are in good condition and I wonder if anything attractive could be planted in them.

"I am new at gardening but am a lover of flowers. We just purchased this GI home here in East Oakland. The soil is strictly dough-boy.

"Will you state how to plant the berries in the barrel, what time of the season, where to put it. (I mean do you build a small platform off the ground); also, if painting the barrel before you plant is a help, and how to care for the plants after they start to grow."

Well, strawberries seldom produce anything but headaches when grown in a barrel. They need more light than they can possibly get on the sides of a barrel. Some very fine machine work has gone into construction — but always with the same result: the plants start backwards from the time of barrelling, and within a season or two — flooey!

Barrels have been mounted on a platform which revolves on an axle held firmly in a concrete foundation. (You can use an auto rear wheel and axle for this, wiring the barrel to the wheel.) A three-inch pipe with holes drilled every two inches up and down and around is set in the middle of the barrel and filled with some coarse rocks, so that it can be filled with water which seeps out into the soil mixture with which the barrel is loaded.

The soil mixture is composed of fine loam, sand and either manure or peatmoss or compost. Holes about three inches in diameter are staggered at six-inch intervals on the barrel sides, and the roots are put through these holes and packed firmly in the soil mixture.

The assembly is placed in the sun, and with the barrel able to revolve, you can see that all the plants get some sun. Sure, and with the reservoir of water in the drilled center pipe seeping out, and with the carefully prepared soil mixture — why shouldn't your strawberries prosper?

They do, on paper. But in practice? Well, about five years ago, in this very column, we conducted a sort of contest-survey, and all who had ever grown strawberries in barrels were urged to send in the results of their experiences.

By far the majority found that barrel berries proved scarcer than hen's teeth. Some got a few berries the first season, but things went flooey the second year. Practically all ended up disgusted.

Ever since then, every year, this column has done everything within reason to discourage strawberry barrels.

New Subdivision

Announcement of a new $432,000 development in Belmont Park was made Friday by Louis Morton of the Morton Realty Co., following the granting of permits for the first 13 homes in the project. The permits were granted to the Baker Construction Co. and Morton Realty will act as agents.

According to Morton, the development in conjunction with a 53-home project of Standish and Gover in the same area will bring $1,000,000 worth of new homes into the Belmont Park area.

The houses in the Baker development are to have six rooms, three of the rooms being bedrooms, Morton said. The houses in the Standish and Gover project are to be five rooms, with two bedrooms.

Morton stated that his homes are being built with three bedrooms because of the demand for that type of house. The homes are expected to sell for $11,000.

The 53 homes in the Standish and Gover project are in Monterey Colonial style and were designed by Al Cahl of Millbrae.

The Belmont Park development is being built on what was formerly the Belmont Country Club, about one-half mile from the Belmont business district. Stalt & Co. have already completed 97 homes in an adjacent tract.

According to Morton, the Baker Development homes are being built especially for veterans and will feature ful lstyle bathrooms with stall showers and tile breakfast bars in the kitchens.

The Baker homes are expected to be completed in six months, while Standish & Gover announced that they plan to have their project finished in five months.

Houses in both projects are being set back about 25 feet from the street, compared with the usual 15 or 20 feet.

The Baker Construction Co. has been located in Belmont for about two and one-half years, and has completed about 50 homes there thus far, Morton said.

Claims Robbery

Arthur Paradise, who gave his address as 207 Sheridan Ave., East Palo Alto, reported to the sheriff's office Friday that he had left his employment at Veterans' Administration Facility at 5:30 p. m. yesterday and had walked to Bayshore Hwy. to catch a bus.

He said four men drove up in an old model car and "pounced" on him. He reported they took $50 in cash, a suitcase valued at $30 (including the contents) and an overcoat valued at $70.

Nab Drivers

A San Carlos youth, H. L. Williams, and two companions, following a three-mile chase, were instrumental in the arrest of Charles Colletti, Bayshore City tavern owner, on charges or reckless driving, disturbing the peace, and resisting arrest.

Colletti, 51, 448 San Bruno Ave., Brisbane, was arrested last Sunday at 11:55 after Williams chased him from San Carlos to San Mateo, Belmont police said. Williams signed the reckless driving charge.

Colletti was released from the county jail this morning on $250 bail, the sheriff's office reports. He is to appear before Judge John Smith on Mar. 5.

Sponsors Boys

Sponsorship of Boy Scout Troop 103 has been taken over by Belle Haven City Post 472, American Legion, R. E. Petroschka, new chairman of the sponsoring committee announced Friday.

Other members of the committee are Joseph Andrade, Albert Bauer, Irwin Meyers and Gilbert Travares. George Rayfield is scoutmaster and until now has been running the troop "single handed," Petroschka said.

A paper drive to raise funds for troop activities will be held this Sunday in the district east of Ringwood Ave. to San Francisquito Creek, including Newbridge Park, North Palo Alto, East Palo, and Runnymede.

Petroschka asked householders to place bundles of old newspapers and magazines in front of their homes, rather than at street corners. The collection will start at 8 a. m. Sunday, and a truck and several cars will be used to carry the paper.

Halt Blaze

A trash fire which spread to a garage belonging to H. W. Hannibal at 1250 Fifth Ave., Belmont, was brought under control before serious damage resulted last Saturday afternoon, the San Carlos Fire Dept. reports. Damage was estimated at between $50 and $75.

Dinner Auction

Bids were falling thick and fast at the Veterans Hall on Wednesday evening when members of the Canadian Legion Auxiliary auctioned box suppers to the members of Post 52 at the box social. High bidders joined the packer of the box in supper.

Henry Butcher, commander, announced that a whist party is being planned for the near future, date to be announced later.

Suit Filed

A suit for more than $70,000 was filed in superior court here against the Cypress Lawn Cemetery Assn. by the heirs of three persons whose ashes rest in the cemetery's columbarium.

The reason for the suit is a difference of opinion over suitable floral arrangements at the niches which hold the cinerary urns.

The suit is brought by William H. Warren of Newark, N.J., whose wife's ashes are there; Mrs. Greta Adams of San Francisco, whose husband's ashes occupy a niche, and Ernest H. and Mae Keck of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., nephew and niece of Frederick Keck, whose remains occupy the third niche. They are represented by Sanborn H. Smith, San Francisco attorney.

The three urns occupied niches 11, 12 and 13, Smith said, with Mrs. Warren in the No. 11 spot. Warren wanted his wife's urn put in the center spot for special floral arrangements, for which he had set up a $1000 fund for fresh flowers, Smith explained.

Cypress Lawn refused to make the change without a court order, and after litigation which reached the appellate court, succeeded in making the change.

Warren made arrangements with the other heirs to have flowers put before each of the other urns, in consideration for giving him permission to make the change, Smith said.

Under the present arrangement, two vases of flowers stand in front of each niche, Smith said. However, Warren and the other plaintiffs wish to have the flower display rearranged so that the vases will be between and at the sides of the three niches, not in front of them.

Smith says the cemetery association refuses to do this, claiming that it will disorganize the floral decorating pattern.

The plaintiffs ask that the cemetery change the flower pattern to their design. Otherwise:

Warren, who claims he has spent two years away from his $12,000-a-year job as an executive of the International Telephone and Telegraph Co. trying to make the arrangement, asks he be paid $30,000 compensation for his loss of time and pay; $10,000 special damages; $1000 a month for as long as the litigation lasts; and living expenses.

Of the other three each asks for $10,000.

W. H. Jory

William H. Jory, 338 Grand St., is improving since undergoing an operation at Palo Alto Hospital last Wednesday, his wife reported today.

Rites Read

Miss Alice Upton, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Upton of Warm Springs and niece of Mrs. B. D. Ralston of Woodside, became the bride of John Mackenhausen of Redwood City in recent rites at the Mt. Carmel Church.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Los Angeles and are now making their home in Redwood City, where the bridegroom is employed by the city as harbor master at the Redwood City Yacht Harbor. He is the son of Mr. John Mackenhausen Sr. of this city.

For her wedding the bride wore an aqua colored suit with brown accessories and an orchid corsage. She was attended by the bridegroom's sister, Mrs. Leo Hewiston of this city, who wore a brown ensemble. Warren Upton of San Francisco, brother of the bride, performed best-man duties.

Mrs. Ralston entertained at dinner in honor of the newlyweds following the ceremony.

Alice was graduated from Centerville High School. She is the sister of Warren Upton of San Francisco, Mrs. Wilson Harris of Oakland and Allen Upton of Santa Rosa.

John served with the navy overseas, two years in the Pacific during the war. He was graduted from Sequoia High School. He is the brother of Mrs. Brice Abbott, who is now making her home in the Fiji Islands, where her husband is with Pan American; and Mrs. Frank Schweichert, Mrs. Leo Hewiston and Leo Mackenhausen of Redwood City and Roy Mackenhausen of Burlingame.

Motorist Held

Archibald J. Cameron, 41, of 117 Plymouth Ave., San Carlos, was arrested last Friday by California Patrol officers on a charge of drunken driving.

Cameron, when stopped on Bayshore Hwy. near Brisbane, also lacked a driver's license, the CHP reported. He posted $150 bail at the South San Francisco police station and was released to appear Feb. 27 before Justice of the Peace John J. Fahey Jr.

Entertains Club

The study club of St. Charles' Church met this week at the home of Mrs. Charles Gorse on Magnolia Ave., San Carlos, with about 25 members present. Cohostesses were Mmes. John Carbrera and William Penaat.

The life of "St. Theresa of Avila" was reviewed by Mrs. Victor Stoltz who had used numerous sources for her account.

Airport News

BY BARNEY GUGEL

A friend of ours who speaks with a heavy Italian accent told us the other day he couldn't read the airport column because he couldn't read English, and suggested that we might get additional readers if the column were written in a foreign language. If this is true, we would appreciate a note from some of you folks.

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At Palo Alto field this week. From reports we've heard thus far. A solo flight was made (his first), By Redwood's L. A. Starr.

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Solo flights were also made from Palo Alto by Neal Weaver of Menlo Park, O. W. League of Menlo Park and Richard Schult of Berkeley.

Ray Elsmore of Stanford University has been granted a commercial pilot's license.

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During the week, Mrs. Peter Ehrman, accompanied by Frank Moore, flew to Los Angeles and took delivery of a new Navion for William Miles of Mountain View. Instructor at Palo Alto, Mahr Reymers, also picked up a new Navion in L.A. this week.

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A two-month air trip through most of South America is being planned by Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Spedden of Menlo Park.

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Up at Bay Meadows Airport this week R. E. Becker cross-countried down to Salinas and Monterey, while A. M. Skibrenka flew up to Sacramento, G. C. Williamson to Warm Springs, R. G. Brandon to Stockton, and R. B. Martin to Los Banos.

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GAG OF THE WEEK:
Little Junior, frisky feller,
Maimed a pilot by propeler.
Said his mother, "Junior, stop!
That pilot might well be your pop!"

Seeks Divorce

Mrs. Catherine C. Sweet of 326 Sonora Dr., San Mateo, filed suit for divorce from her husband, Shirley H. Sweet, a salesman who she says earns $1800 a month.

The complaint, filed in superior court here, charges Sweet with cruelty.

Mrs. Sweet asks for custody of a son, Michael, 2; reasonable alimony and all the community property, which includes the home, a lot in Hillsborough, a bank account with $7000 cash and $1750 in U. S. bonds.

The couple was married in San Francisco Dec. 26, 1937 and separated this month.

Plan 'Fun'

An annual "fun night" will be held by the San Mateo County Council of Social Workers, Anthony Lovoi, assistant probation officer, announced Friday.

The decision to hold the annual affair came after a similar shindig was held Thursday night by the group in Kloss Hall, at the San Mateo Congregational Church, Lovoi was in charge of the arrangements committee.

About 50 leaders from Boy Scout and Girl Scout groups, and the probation, welfare and recreation departments were present for the dancing and entertainment. John S. Cowgill, county probation officer, was master of ceremonies.

Six Arraigned

Six persons were arraigned late Tuesday afternoon in superior court on conspiracy charges, and two of them also on arson charges in the burning of the house of John T. Walker, Negro veteran, on Dec. 6.

The arraignment before Superior Judge Edmund Scott brought together the principals in what officers have called a conspiracy to keep Negroes out of the Dumbarton Oaks area.

John B. Arlotti and Henry R. Harkins, who earlier had been indicted by the grand jury for conspiracy to commit arson, were arraigned on the new indictment charging them with the actual arson.

The old indictment was dismissed by Judge Scott at the request of Chief Dep. Dist. Atty. A. S. Whitmore.

The two men, and four others, then were arraigned on the second indictment which the grand jury returned last Thursday, charging all six with conspiracy to commit a crime. The crime, in two counts, is the burning of the contents of Walker's house, and the burning of the incompleted house itself.

The case against all six defendants then was postponed until next Monday at 2 p.m., when they are to enter pleas to the charges.

The other four defendants are Arlotti's wife, Edith; Joseph H. Johnson, former Dumbarton Oaks resident who now lives in San Bruno, Frank Lenahan, 67-year-old retired musician; and his daughter, Madelyn.

Mrs. Arlotti was the last to be arrested on the warrants issued by Judge Scott after the grand jury had returned the indictments. She was surrendered yesterday morning by Gerard Wagstaffe, attorney, who has been representing her husband and Harkins, her brother-in-law.

Wagstaffe Monday said that he was representing the two Arlottis and Harkins, but not the other three. The Lenahans and Johnson told Judge Scott that they had no attorneys, but refused to have the court appoint one for them. They said they would try to get their own lawyer before next Monday.

Lenahan, who said that he is suffering from a heart ailment, was brought into court from Community Hospital. His daughter was brought into court by a matron after the arraignment of Arlotti and Harkins started.

Wagstaffe's clients are free on $5000 bail each; the other three defendants have failed to make bail and are in custody.

The indictment for conspiracy, when read in court, charges two overt acts: the construction of a fire bomb on Nov. 30 and the placing of the bomb and the resultant fire on Dec. 6.

To Retire

Fred Simmons, deputy sheriff in Half Moon Bay, will retire next month when he reaches the age of 70.

Simmons became a constable in 1905 and retained this title until 1934 when he was made a deputy as provided in the county charter.

Three persons are eligible for his job, according to the civil service commission, and one of them may be appointed by Sheriff James J. McGrath.

They are William J. Moran, 1361 Drake Ave., Burlingame; William D. Squires, 1058 Oakland Ave., Menlo Park, and Stefan J. Fursch, 2667 San Carlos Ave., San Carlos.

MR. AND MRS. F. O. CHRISTENSON of Woodside welcomed their son and daughter-in-law and two grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Christensen and Danny, 4, and Freddy, 3 months, from Norfolk, Va., this week. Wesley is stationed in Norfolk with the navy air force as a chief pilot. He was a member of the famed undefeated football team at Sequoia in '33, which won the P.A.L. championship. They will be in Woodside for a week, after which future plans will depend on navy orders.

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MISS SUSAN ALEX, announcer of the "Community Calendar" program at 10:45 daily over radio station KVSM, who reports the club news of San Mateo County, said today that all organizations in the county are welcome to use the radio facilities to announce future activities or interesting club notices. Publicity chairmen are asked to write their news to Miss Alex at station KVSM in San Mateo.

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THE BIGGEST STANFORD fraternity pledge list ever chosen numbered 26 freshmen from San Mateo County. From Redwood City are Robert Conner, Chi Psi; Lou Fabbro, Delta Epsilon; and Vance Sheffey, Phi Gamma Delta; from San Carlos, Jack Little, Delta Chi, and Paul Kent, Phi Gamma Delta; from Menlo Park, Winston Eshleman, Chi Psi; from Belmont, Bob Manning, Kappa Alpha; and from Atherton, William Jason, Delta Tau Delta, and Howard Ives, Kappa Sigma.

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MRS. CARL KRON of 318 E. Hopkins Ave., was pleasantly surprised recently, when her cousin, Col. Francis Saville, USA, whom she had not seen for 37 years, visited here. Colonel Saville, whose home is in Waterville, Ma., is en route to Korea, where he will be stationed. He expects to be joined by his family later.

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A BIRTHDAY DINNER was served at the Charles Padgett residence on Clinton St. last Thursday in honor of their son, Ray, who is now 24 years old. Ray and his wife, the former Alice Gilstad, who were married last June, are now making their home in Palo Alto, where Ray is associated in business with his father.

Explains Services

With the start of 1947 campaign for funds to carry on the activities of the Red Cross nearing, Mrs. John Blackinger of Atherton, coordinator of community services to camps and hospitals, Wednesday explained the functions of the department she serves.

These services include motor corps, canteen, Gray Ladies and arts and skills corps.

Among the activities of the motor corps is to take patients on scenic drives and provide all forms of transportation for the hospital, such as transporting entertainers and delivering food donations.

Canteen workers aid in the recreation hall and serve refreshments to between 200 and 300 patients each day at the Veterans Administration Hospital at North Palo Alto, Mrs. Blackinger said.

The arts and skills corps teaches arts and crafts to patients in the wards. Among work taught are weaving, leatherwork, fingerpainting and clay modeling.

The Gray Ladies work in the wards, doing personalized service. They see between 400 and 500 men each week, distributing candy and cigarets, writing letters, etc.

The Red Cross supplies 90 pounds of candy each month for patients at the North Palo Alto hospital, as well as cakes for dances and parties.

Community service department, under the direction of Mrs. Ronald Campbell of Redwood City, has numerous activities for the patients' enjoyment, such as purchasing photographing equipment and floodlights for stage, redecorating rooms and sending Christmas gifts to overseas patients.

It is the job of the Red Cross chapter to fulfill the requests from the Red Cross field director at the hospital, Mrs. Blackinger stated. The field director receives the requests from officers at the hospital.

Goal for the Redwood City Chapter, American Red Cross, in the drive to start Saturday, is $30,897.

Shorter Hours

An amendment to a bill in the California asembly for a five-day week for county employes will be made to include firemen and peace officers, members of the San Mateo County Employes Assn. were told Tuesday night.

Assemblyman Bernard Brady of San Francisco told about 125 members of the association that the present Assembly Bill 40 includes all county employes except the firemen and the peace officers. He said that he would introduce the amendement to include the latter two groups.

The association, which met in the supervisors' chambers, voted unanimously to endorse the bill.

The group also heard Harold McGlenon, chairman of the five-day week committee of the City and County Employes Union of San Francisco, Local 747, and Wayne R. Millington, Redwood City attorney who discussed retirement legislation.

Assemblyman Richard Dolwig of San Mateo County was scheduled to speak at the meeting but was prevented by an appendicitis operation.

Appoints Committees

Directors of the San Mateo Preventorium Tuesday expressed grave concern that the institution has but 12 "patients." The board met at Villa Chartier in San Mateo, and heard reports indicating that a publicity campaign may be necessary to inform the public of the type of service offered by the institution.

Meanwhile members of the board will visit the Convalescent Home at Stanford to examine the type of work undertaken there.

Mrs. Walter Holt, president of the board, made the following committee appointments:

Maintenance—Mrs. Frank Schwabacher, Mrs. Charles Dostal.

Publicity and Public Relations—Ray Spangler, Mrs. Anne Brubaker, George McQueen.

Finance—Perry Bygdnes, Mrs. C. W. Martin, John D. Bromfield.

Building—Frank Burrows, J. E. Morrish, Mrs. Richard Heimann.

Health — Dr. Eberhard Sogemeier, Miss Hilda Schneider, Mrs. Opal Fennel, Dr. H. L. Mawdsley.

Legal—Edward Hoffmann.

Children's Welfare—Mrs. Charles Blyth, Mrs. F. R. Stent, Miss Mary Landsdale.

Luncheon Arrangements — Mrs. Maurice Liebman, Mrs. Charles Foster, Mrs. Harold H. Bromberg.

Membership—Mrs. Walter Salisbury, Mrs. Henry Poett.

Community Chest—Mrs. Cyril Tobin, Mrs. Charles Blyth, R. C. Lane, Mrs. H. E. von Kempf, Mrs. Ruth M. Bradley, C. M. Doxsee.

Registration Drops

A drop in eligible voters in San Mateo County was noted by the registration department of the county clerk's office which said only 11,775 citizens are registered to vote in the forthcoming Apr. 1 San Mateo city elections.

A total of 15,515 voters were registered for the general election last November, but 4166 lost their eligibility by failing to vote at the time.

The present 11,775 registration includes all those who voted last November, those of the 4166 who did not vote, but who reregistered, and new registrations.

Registration closed at the city clerk's office in San Mateo last Thursday at 9 p.m.

Laymen's Dinner

Announcement of a Laymen's Dinner to be held at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in San Mateo was made recently by the committee from St. Peter's Church — Mr. Paul Surber of Redwood City and Mr. O. O. Britton of San Carlos.

The dinner will be held on Thursday at 6:30 o'clock and Dr. William A. Key, M.D., of Mills Hospital will be the guest speaker. The Rev. Arnold Lewis of the National Council of Episcopal Churches is chairman of the dinner.

Ladies' Aid

Twenty-three members of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Redeemer Lutheran Church met at the home of Mrs. Kay Hunken in San Carlos on Thursday evening to sew for the annual fall bazaar. Mrs. Henry Witte was cohostess.

Awaits Trial

Walter J. Greive, 26, of San Francisco, was free on $200 bail Saturday awaiting trial in Atherton city court last night on a charge of stealing a Gruen wrist watch and some money at Menlo Junior College last September.

He was arraigned before Judge Rowland R. King.

The stolen property belonged to William Sheridan, formerly of Menlo Junior College, who left the watch and his wallet with his clothes at the school gymnasium while playing football. The watch was found by police in a San Francisco pawn shop, and the theft was traced back to Greive, Police Chief Ed Farrell said.

Mannequins Named

Mannequins for the Junior League fashion show, planned for the afternoon of Tuesday, Mar. 18, at the Mark Hopkins Hotel, have been announced by Mrs. Richard Oddie, chairman in charge of mannequins and staging.

The list of socialite glamour that will participate includes Mrs. Robert Coleman Gray, Mrs. John Menzies, Mrs. John Merrill, Mrs. James Mills, Mrs. Adam Musto, Mrs. Clarence Musto, Mrs. Edward Schneider, Mrs. Randolph Hale, Mrs. Stanley Powell Jr., Mrs. Thomas Hooper, Mrs. Henry Kuechler, Mrs. Robert Thayer Hopkins, Mrs. Thomas Sullivan, Mrs. John McWhorter, Mrs. Jerome Baumgartner, Mrs. Burlington Carlisle, Mrs. Edwin Callan, Mrs. Murray Johnson, Miss Sally Fay, Miss Marilyn Bentley, Mrs. Ben Dey, Mrs. Joseph Hickingbotham, Mrs. Robert Fuller, Mrs. Richard Oddie, Mrs. Antoine Bovet, Mrs. William Talbot, Mrs. Prentis Cobb Hale, Mrs. James H. Barry III and Miss Nancy Haywood.

These junior mannequins will also model Master Topper Wallace (age 4), son of Mr. and Mrs. William Wallace; Master John Bennett King Jr. (age 8), son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bennett King; Miss Mary Stuard Campion (age 3), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Baumgartner.

The fashion show is the first of the traditional Junior League style shows to be presented since the war. This Spring's performance will outdo all of its predecessors in its dramatic presentation of new modes and manners. Tickets and reservations are available through Fritz, Maitre D' at the Mark Hopkins.

Installs Officers

Howard Macway was installed master councilor of the Redwood City Chapter, Order of DeMolay, on Saturday night at public installation ceremonies at the Masonic Hall.

Other new officers are Don Buell, senior councilor; Frank Louda Jr., junior councilor; Glen Feusier, chaplain; Ted Johnston, senior deacon; Ed Morra, junior deacon; Ed Leon, senior steward; Howard Bogie, junior steward; Bob Werner Marshall; Lorin Dennison, scribe; Bill Brizee, standard bearer; and Dick Zemke, sentinel.

Joan Locker was elected DeMolay "sweetheart" for the coming term and was presented with the DeMolay Sweetheart Pin by Howard Macway.

Songs by Marvin Fitts were "Without a Song" and "Water Boy." Mary Birmele was the accompanist. A string trio—Margie Coykendall, piano; Grate Childs, cello; and Dorothy Bourquin, violin, played "Stardust" and "Stormy Weather."

Bob Langston, retiring master councilor, was presented with his pin by Chapter Dad T. M. Cole.

Hall decorations were the work of Mrs. Frank Louda, Mrs. Fred Nicoli, Mrs. Melvin Koch, Miss Dorothea Macway and Miss Pat Marcus. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Louda, Mrs. G. Kleinmaier, Mrs. Clarence Brizee, Mr. and Mrs. Koch, Miss Macway and Mr. Raymond Macway.

Appoints Committee

Chairmen of standing committees to serve the Civic Interest League of Atherton for the coming year were announced Wednesday by newly-elected chairman, Irving E. Kesterson.

Each of the chairmen is to appoint from three to five persons to serve on the committee with him.

Appointed by the chairmen were the following: Mrs. H. N. Kuechler, schools; Melvin Savage, streets; J. J. Schlaepfer, utilities; John Roos, transportation; Robert O. Davis, public relations; John Parker business zoning; E. C. La Montagne, budget and taxes; W. I. Turck, traffic and safety; George H. Linsley, law and legislation; league budget, Kesterson, Parker and Treas. George Angus.

The membership committee consists of all the 30 members of the board of directors, each of whom is to appoint two league members to work with him in an effort to increase the size of the league, which now has about 130 families represented in memberships. Any resident or property owner of Atherton may join the league, which has as its avowed purpose the promotion of the civic interest of the town, according to the league's articles of association.

Takes Over

Bill Judge of Redwood City will be in charge of the Veterans' Administration Contact Office at 527 Marshall St., during the absence of C. P. Feathers who is taking a month's leave for the purpose of moving his family to this vicinity and establishing his home here.

Judge has been with the Veterans' Administration, 49 Fourth St., San Francisco, for several months as contact representative and brings a wealth of information to Redwood City, including correct and up-to-date data on national service life insurance and all other Veterans' Administration benefits.

All veterans are invited to make full use of the VA office, which is open from 8:30 to 5, Monday through Friday, and 8:30 to 12:30 on Saturdays.

VFW Formed

Following the success of the recent whist and bingo party, the Woodside-Portola Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars announced its intention of forming a ladies' auxiliary.

Any wife, mother, sister or daughter of a war veteran is eligible and anyone interested is urged to contact Mrs. Lester Oakley at Woodside 544.

Pass Peace Pipe

Belmont and San Mateo have kissed and made up.

The recent feud between the San Mateo Planning Commission and the City of Belmont over the San Mateo Knolls subdivision ended Tuesday when the planning commissions of both San Mateo and Belmont held the first joint meeting in the history of the two cities.

George Mann, chairman of the San Mateo commission, offered the peace pipe at the beginning of the meeting, held in the council chamber of the San Mateo City Hall, when he stated, "San Mateo and Belmont have common boundaries and have problems which are common to all."

"The two cities," he continued, "should call on each other in any situation affecting the other."

Mayor James F. Furlong Jr. of Belmont buried the hatchet for his side, declaring, "We've both got a lot of dead horses in our stables. Let's sweep them out and start anew."

The feud between the two cities started a month ago when Furlong complained that Belmont had not been called in when plans for the San Mateo Knolls were drawn up, and as a result, San Mateo streets did not fit the Belmont street plan.

In an effort to iron out differences, Mann suggested that City Engineer Robert Klassen of Belmont and E. Boris Stahm, adviser to the San Mateo commission, get together and locate junctions and possible junctions of streets between the two cities, and draw up a map showing the street plans of the two cities near the boundary.

Mann then told the members that one of the reasons why Belmont was not called in when when the Knolls subdivision was laid out was the attitude of Belmont citizens over San Mateo's plan for the extension of the Alameda de las Pulgas.

"The people of Belmont told me," Mann declared, "that they did not want any streets crossing into Belmont."

The Belmont city engineer then explained that two years ago when Belmont was considering extending the Alameda, subdividers of the Belmont golf course packed the council meeting, and the proposal was voted down.

Mayor Furlong added that thinking in Belmont two years ago was on a village basis.

"Our situation has changed," he stated. "It would now be appropriate for our city engineer to outline our present situation and recommend future action."

Following a discussion of possible through streets and joint sewage disposal between the two cities, the San Mateo recreation commissioner recommended a possible joint recreation program between San Mateo and Belmont.

Furlong replied that Belmont was in a receptive mood for any move to bring about joint recreation development. He then suggested that a joint meeting between the San Mateo and Belmont recreation commissions be held.

A discussion of possible inter-city bus service was also taken up and the meeting closed with an offer of thanks to the San Mateo commission by Mayor Furlong.

"We deeply appreciate the fine spirit you have shown us tonight," Furlong said. "I am sure the results are going to be fine."

To Attend Play

A group of local children is planning to attend the play at the Marine Memorial Theater in San Francisco on Saturday, Mar. 8, presented by the Children's Theater Assn.

The story of Daniel Boone, who blazed a pioneer trail through Kentucky in the early days of his country's expansion will come to life in the original dance play. The Edwin Strawbridge Ballet, which in the past nine years has appeared before 3 million persons, young and old, will be featured.

The dancers, actors and singers annually visit more than 100 cities and towns in 27 states. Strawbridge, who gave up a legal career to become one of the nation's leading dancers, choreographed the story of Daniel Boone after intensive research into the hero's personal career. The dance-play will feature the musical adaptations of Margaret Carlisle. Costumes are designated from original sketches of pioneer and Indian dress.

Attending from the deep Peninsula will be Beth Rosener, Tony Sulton John Niven, Barbara Randall, Jane Randall, Stephen Fox and Michael Fox.

Discuss Parking

A. B. (Sam) Cheatham offered to obtain Butchers Field for use as a city parking lot for $10,000 last Tuesday at a city council-traffic and safety commission meeting.

The meeting was called to consider commission suggestions for the rerouting of automobile traffic around the Southern Pacific Co. station.

During the discussion, City Mgr. E. W. Blom pointed out that there was no "good" answer to the problem until the city can obtain SP land at Butcher Field and cut a new street from the station to Jefferson Ave. paralleling the railroad tracks.

Cheatham also suggested the construction of a creek bridge south of the station and running the road to Jefferson. He pointed out that Butcher Field could be used as a parking area.

He then said, "If the city gives me $10,000, I'll get Butcher Field in 30 days."

Blom indicated he had no objections to Cheatham's offer if the city council would provide the $10,000.

The council took no further action on the proposal.

The city has been negotiating with the railroad in an effort to obtain the land Cheatham mentioned.

Bell Heard

Mrs. Katherine C. Bell, supervisor of family relations and child guidance in the county social welfare department, was the speaker at the PTA study group last Wednesday at the McKinley School. Mrs. Bell explained the purposes and great need of foster homes.

Tomorrow, Mr. Henry Hall of the county probation department, will be the speaker at 10 o'clock at the McKinley School. All parents have been invited.

Garden

BY ROLLY LANGLEY

Husbands who get away from work at five or before will soon get a chance for some fun before dark. It would be swell if we had the same daylight saving time which helped in gardening so much during the war. You'd think that with so great a majority of home owners having gardens now, it would be easy to arrange daylight saving time. I guess people just don't want it badly enough.

Anyway, I didn't start out to go on that one. Fellows don't make the most of the daylight time they do have. A step by step, minute by minute report on what's done the first hour a man gets home would be both revealing and embarassing to many a greenthumber who complains he "just doesn't have any time, except on weekends. (Whoops, we'd better get another "r' in that word back there. **Embarrassing**, isn't it, how quickly the three "Rs" get dusty. It should be three "Rs' and an "S" — for Spelling.)

Seems like the kids nowadays hardly get any licks in on spelling worth while. They don't even blush when they misspell a word. One or two Rs in embarrass — what's the dif — they say.

But don't think I'm running down the modern kids. They're fine, even if they do know the facts of life before they can spell either facts or life.

Child psychologists tell me it's better that way, and they ought to know. It just might be better if kids were told it's important to spell words correctly, and then they'd get it down pat in no time.

In working with several hundred youngsters every Saturday morning with games and airing their talents, I've been giving them "Braintester" questions — typical things from IQ tests — and the boys and girls between 6 and 14 come through fine.

You'd think I followed a cowpath to the typewriter this evening, the way this column's been wandering. We were talking about how much time a fellow wastes right after he gets home. He has to change his clothes before going out in the garden, of course.

As he changes his shoes, he sees the nail on his big toe needs trimming (through the hole in his sock). So he looks for the clippers and then puts on a good pair of socks, because you can get blisters, but quick, working with holes rubbing. Orthe rolled sock around the hole.

And if the average fellow can get out in the garden without sitting down for a cup of coffee, a glass of milk, or something wet, he's graduated from the average class.

Naturally, there's a bit of fat to chew about the things current on the job. . . . And the paper may catch his eye . . . that may take from one to 30 minutes. . . . So the average fellow shoots enough time to weed 50 square feet, before he gets to the garden. And these days, that makes it dark.

Plenty could be said about the average gal, too, when we're talking about wasting time. And sometime, we will. But now —

The leaves of grapefruit sent in by Mrs. Bertha N. Wells appear yellow, indicating a lack of nitrogen available in the soil, and possibly an alkaline condition. Ammonium sulphate contains about 20½ per cent nitrogen, and an application of two or three pounds on a small to medium tree should show results. If the soil contains too much lime, apply some soil sulphur around the tree.

J. H. Stedman of Palo Alto says strawberries take too much time and never more than 10 ripen at one time. I wonder how many plants are grown? If you allow 50 plants per person, you should produce plenty of berries. They like a sandy loam, much humus and considerable fertilizer.

This would indicate that the virus might have been soil-borne Don't put tomatoes out in the same place where they were grown last year or the year before. . . . But don't put them out right now — anyplace. Br-r-r-r!

No Buses

Two bus routes operated by Martin Transportation Co. may be curtailed or discontinued unless business increases, R. F. Martin, operator of the firm, announced Friday.

Service on Route D—to Menlo Park and Atherton—will be discontinued or cut to one run a day on Mar. 1 unless business improves tremendously, Martin declared.

Schedules on the Emerald Lake runs will have to be cut if residents of the area do not ride the buses more often, Martin said.

Martin declared he was losing money on both runs.

A survey is now being made in the Emerald Lake area to determine how much the service will have to be cut.

Martin also explained there was not sufficient business to warrant service on certain runs on Sundays and at night.

List System

An interchange listing system for Menlo Park will go into effect on Mar. 1, Miss E. Noel, publicity chairman for the Menlo Park-Atherton Board of Realtors, announced Friday.

Details of operation and a central location will be worked out before that date. Fourteen real estate firms are cooperating.

David Ingram Jr. has been elected president; Victor Greisser, secretary - treasurer, and Harry Spade, Verne Seybold and Dick Wright, members of the board of directors.

Three new members of the interchange system are William E. Doud, P. M. Spedden and George T. Duffy.

Lays Egg

A four-ounce egg was laid early Thursday morning by a Rhode Island hen belonging to George Muller, 28 Elwood St., Redwood City, Muller reported.

"This is the fourth four-ounce egg my hens have laid this year," Muller said. A retired baker, Muller owns 12 hens, all of which lay three-ounce eggs, he claims.

The egg which Muller brought into the Tribune office measured 6¼ inches and 8 inches in circumference, depending upon which way you measured it, and was dark speckled brown in color.

When asked whether he fed his chickens vitamin B-1 compound tablets, Muller said, "No."

The Prowler

IF GERHART FISHER HAD invented his M-Scope in Salem, Mass., in colonial times, they would have hanged him for witchcraft. The invention having been delayed until this more enlightened age, the public reaction is friendly instead. Demand for the amazing device has been increasing steadily since its first appearance in 1933. In the last year as many as 1350 were sold. And orders are coming in daily to the Fisher Laboratory at Palo Alto from all corners of the earth.

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THE M-SCOPE (SHORT for Metalloscope) is a simple looking device carried in the hands and equipped with an earphone enabling the listener to detect by sound the presence of metals many feet underground. Like the dialtone of a telephone, the sound in the M-Scope is constant in its softness, until the listener treads on a spot above metal. The moment that spot is reached the sound becomes louder.

The main utilitarian uses are to enable investigators to locate buried pipes, cables and manholes underground, to locate mines, also to find points of obstruction in plugged sewers, and discover unknown metallic hazards in the path of excavations.

The demand for the M-Scope is particularly heavy now in the war-devastated countries where destroyed water systems must be located. Ten of the gadgets were sent the other day to the Chinese government.

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A CONCOMITANT OF THIS business is the automatic collecting of postage stamps that develops. A cursory glance at envelopes which recent orders for M-Scopes had come from foreign places discovered stamps from Syria, Norway, the Philippine Islands, South America and Central American points, China, Mexico, Italy, Czechoslovakia, the Bahamas, Africa, Switzerland, Palestine, Austria, New Zealand, Cuba, Tunisia, India, Damascus and Sweden—among others.

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THE DEVICE HAS PROVED useful in connections not originally contemplated by the inventor. Perennial seekers of "buried treasure" are numerous among the inquiring letter writers.

In Barstow, a family that long had been seeking the spot where a loved one had been buried years before in a cemetery now abandoned, located the casket quickly by aid of this gadget.

Another customer reported having used the set successfully to find two dead bodies and a car buried 20 feet deep in sand.

An Oklahoma rancher located an abandoned oil well that had been drilled 25 years ago and abandoned later pecause of a strong artesian well's coming in.

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THE INVENTOR'S FAN mail is a diverting sideline. Some of the customers and prospects are quite chatty and folksy in their writing. "The only trouble I find with the M-Scope," wrote one enthusiastic customer, "is that I can't get my wife to do the digging after the stuff is located. Do you know a remedy for that?"

Another user, although acknowledging benefits from his searches for buried metal by aid of this device, complained that in the process "I have been bit by everything that crawls, walks, runs or flies."

A prisoner on the Isle of Wight having heard of the invention wrote that if it is satisfactory "I will be doing business with you after my release." (Can it be that the prisoner is serving time for theft of treasure safely concealed somewhere, and which he may have trouble finding when he gets out?)

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ONE USER WROTE THAT he was making a good thing of his purchase. He locates minerals for others and gets half the pot, after they have done all the digging.

A similar enterprising user reported that he was working for others with the aid of the M-Scope, charging $75 a day. (Cost of the gadget was $195.) "I cannot say enough in its praise," he said.

Another customer wrote in that in 10 days he had located $72,000 in buried money near New Orleans, believed to be pirate loot.

A woman who had lost $500 had the money restored to her when the M-Scope located it for her in her garden.

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A USER WHO HAD found two large veins of ore by aid of the M-Scope asked that the inventor "keep this confidential, as I don't want to start a stampede until completing the locations."

One prospective customer inquired whether the inventor knows where there is any buried treasure in California.

Another customer placing an order said, "I lost my price list, so send me one at your price list."

The M-Scope alone is not enough for the person who wrote: "Have you any magnetic glasses I could use in connection with my M-Scope for spotting it. I want them as soon as possible."

"Millions of spiritual beings walk the earth day and night," said one customer, declaring that "when buried treasure is located, they move it so far you cannot find it with a 14-foot rod.

Ditch Opened

A city-owned ditch in front of the home of Charles R. Hogan at Alameda de las Pulgas and Blandford Ave., was opened Monday . . . the hard way . . . by the city.

Two city council meetings ago, City Atty. Paul McCarthy had reported that the city was threatened by damage suits from property owners in that area. Owners told McCarthy Hogan had closed the ditch forcing water to seep onto their property rather than pass through the ditch to a storm sewer.

McCarthy said he understood Hogan claimed a legal right to close the ditch but that as city attorney, he believed the city had the right to open the ditch.

The council voted to have City Mgr. E. W. Blom write Hogan a registered letter giving the property owner a week to open the ditch. If Hogan failed, the motion continued, the city was to open the ditch and assess Hogan for the costs.

Monday Contractor Peter Sorenson, hire dby the city, was opening the ditch.

Spills End Race

An all-day endurance run by 87 San Francisco motorcyclists started out inauspiciously Saturday when two of the bike jockeys wound up in hospitals after spills.

Hap Jones, head of a San Francisco motorcycle agency, was taken to Palo Alto Hospital with a broken leg. He was spilled from his bike on the old La Honda Rd., near Searsville Lake.

Robert Bentley, 22, of San Francisco, was receiving treatment for head injuries after he was injured in an accident on the Half Moon Bay Rd., about a mile south of Half Moon Bay, the California Highway Patrol reported.

The 87 motorcyclists started out Saturday down the Coastside. They planned to swing over to San Jose and Livermore and back to San Francisco by way of Oakland.

Under the Courthouse Dome

By Ray Spangler

While the general public probably is months behind on the state school redistricting problem, the school administrators are right up to date. Unless I miss my guess some of them are ahead of the San Mateo County committee which is studying the situation.

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There has come to hand a report from Sequoia Union High School, prepared, I believe, by Dr. James Thornton, which comprises three and one half single-spaced mimeographed pages.

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It starts this way: "One possible result of the study of redistricting being carried on in accordance with the 'Strayer Report' might be a recommendation that three unified districts be formed from the territory now included in the Sequoia Union High School Dist. If such a recommendation were made, it is probable that the three districts would include present elementary districts as follows;

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"(1) San Carlos and Belmont: (2) Redwood City, Greersburg and Portola; and (3) Menlo Park, Ravenswood and Las Lomitas. . . ."

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The study ends this way: ". . . Division of Sequoia Union High School Dist. is seen, therefore, to be more costly to the taxpayers in the newly established districts than any course of action which might be demanded within the present union district. Moreover, the increased costs would also provide for a considerable period of time seriously decreased educational opportunity for the children in all parts of the district."

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No doubt the county committee will give due consideration to this study.

And I assume that similar problems will be apparent in each of the six high school districts, excepting the one district which already is unified: South San Francisco.

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However, if there is to be unification as recommended by the Strayer report, and if the Sequoia High School and the other union districts are to remain intact, then one of two things must happen.

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Either all of the elementary schools in each high school district must come under the jurisdiction of the high school board, or there must be but one board of education for all of San Mateo County.

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And the more I think of the latter possibility, the more it appeals to me as both the most forward looking and practical step to take.

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I can see difficulties if the Greersburg and Portola districts were asked to lose their identity in an over-all Redwood City district; and I can see sparks flying if San Carlos, Belmont, Menlo Park and the others are asked to relinquish their jurisdiction to one Sequoia district.

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But they might not be so unwilling to join one all-county board of education, since every board would be in the same situation.

Collects Fines

The City of Belmont collected $1762.35 in traffic fines during the period between Jan. 27 and Feb. 24, according to a report made Monday by Judge John Smith.

A total of 45 citations were issued according to Smith, 43 of them resulting in fines. One case was suspended, and one was dismissed.